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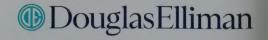
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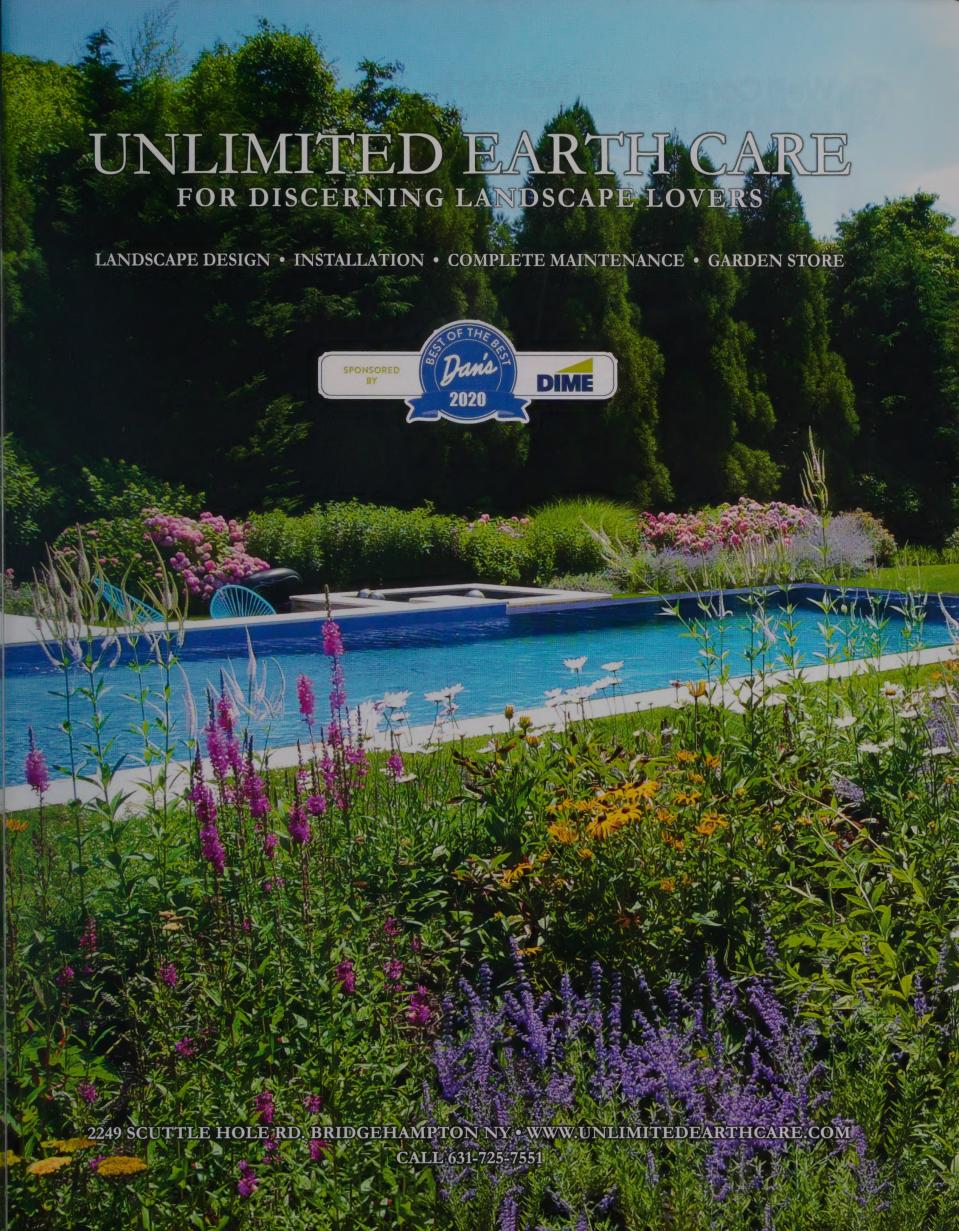
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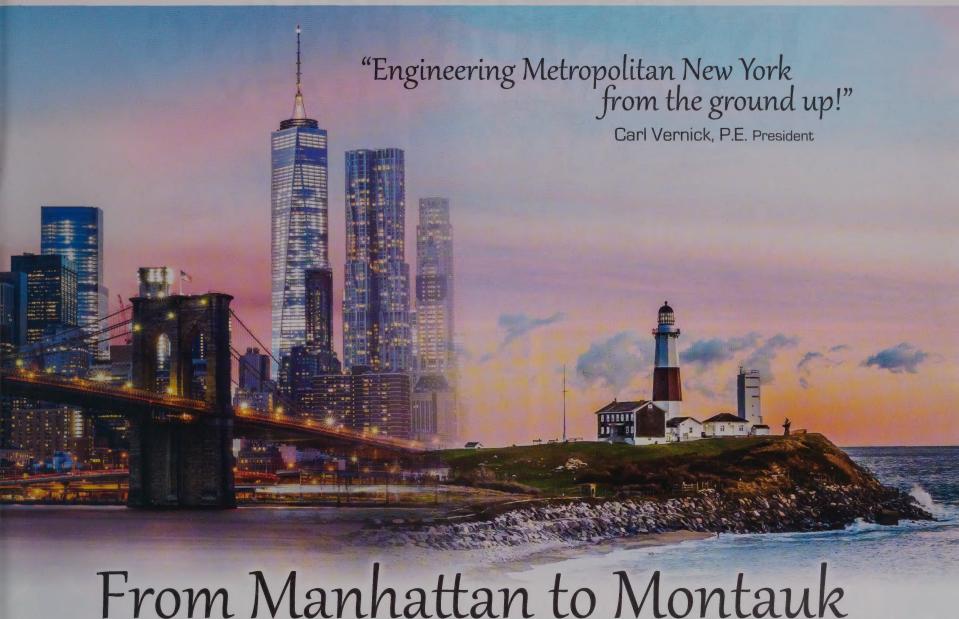






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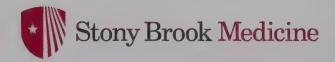
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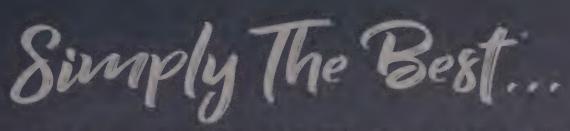
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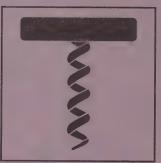
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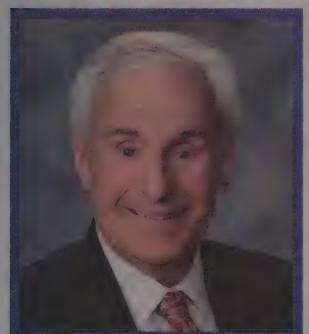
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longtime Hamptons resident Sanford
Rubenstein who is known for achieving
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Rubenstein talks about fighting for change, Rikers Island,
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BY FLO ANTHONY

fter being spotted at local hot spot Bounce Back Montauk, Bachelor star Matt James and season 25 winner Rachel Kirkconnell are "in love again," following their break-up earlier this year, according to sources. The reconnected couple enjoyed time at the eatery with their friends Tyler Cameron and Camila Kendra. An insider close to James and Kirkconnell, reportedly told a source, "The reality TV coosome twosome has been on an ongoing journey to 'make it work as a couple.'"

Tean Shafiroff hosted an event for the Southampton Animal Shelter at NAIA. Notable attendees included: Martin Shafiroff, U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, New York State Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright, Henry Buhl, Joe Sprague (Executive Director), Michael Henry Adams and Ray Paul.

reaking Bad stars Bryan Cran-Dston and Aaron Paul tooled around the Hamptons this past Memorial Day weekend in a mini-bus wrapped in their headshots as well as photos of their Dos Hombres Mezcal. "We started Dos Hombres to create a Mezcal that we thought was perfect. A unique blend of the finest Espadin agave, hand-selected from the hillsides of a small vil-

lage in Oaxaca, Mexico," said Paul and Cranston.

O outhampton Social Club O celebrated last weekend with guest DJs-DJ Loki, DJ Love and DJ Martial.

ollowing the pandemic, polo is making a comeback this summer. Matches will be held on a private Bridgehampton field. Fans can look forward to people watching fashionistas in their designer duds and hats at the invitation-only event that is the old tradition of royalty and often referred to as the king of sports, as they sip on chilled rose and champagne.



Deal Housewives of New York cast Kmember Ramona Singer was out and about recently. She was spotted at Blu Mar in Southampton on May 30. A few days

> prior to that, she attended Leesa Rowland's party for her new book The Charismatic Factor: Unlock the Secrets of Magnetic Charm and Personal Influence in Your Life at T Bar Southampton.

hree-time Tony-Award winning producer, CEO and Founder of Broadway HD, Bonnie Comley has been named The Drama League's new board president."I am honored to have been elected president and I am thrilled to lead The Drama League during these unprecedented yet promising times," says Comley, an East Hampton resident.



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JIMMY BUFFETT AND NANCY ATLAS AT THE SURF LODGE.

Time to rejoice! Local legend Nancy Atlas is back at Montauk's in-spot The Surf Lodge every Wednesday again. She's been joined onstage by rock stars galore, from Jimmy Buffett to Winston Irie. With live music making a comeback, look for surprise cameos to start popping up all over the Hamptons.

d guru Jerry Della Femina and his wife, A news anchorwoman and podcaster Judy Licht couldn't be prouder of their grandson, Jack, and his booming Montauk business, Bravo Toast. "Yes, he's my grandson and he's out to save the family name," says Della Femina.

e hear Jay-Z is not the only East Hampton rapreneur making big business moves. Sean "Diddy" Combs recently let it be known that he had partnered with Salesforce to launch Shop Circulate, a digital marketplace for consumers to buy products created and sold by Black entrepreneurs.

P rolific shoe designer Steve Madden was spotted at 75 Main in Southampton this week, as was Republican candidate for Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman.

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JAY-Z AND SEAN "DIDDY" COMBS

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Guild Hall



Peter J. Klein, CFA®, CRPS®, CAP® Chief Investment Officer, Founder At ALINE WEALTH

Legendary artist Henri Matisse said "creativity takes courage," as does continuing an arts and culture legacy that stretches 90 years and has embedded itself into the very fabric of Long Island's East End. Guild Hall in East Hampton is an arts, entertainment, and education center for the community. Its primary focus is to inform, inspire, and enrich diverse audiences by presenting programs of the highest quality in the visual and performing arts, to collaborate with artists of Eastern Long Island, to foster the artistic spirit and to provide a meeting place for all. My recent conversation with Guild Hall's Chairman of the Board, Marty Cohen, who is also chairman and co-founder of Cohen & Steers, Inc., a leading global investment manager based in New York and Andrea Grover, Executive Director of Guild Hall and curator of 2021 exhibition, Alexis Rockman: Shipwrecks, shed some light on the incredible history and importance of Guild Hall's storied heritage.

Guild Hall, one of the first multidisciplinary centers in the country to combine a museum, theater, and education space under one roof, was established in 1931 as a gathering place for community where an appreciation for the arts would serve to encourage greater civic participation. For nine decades, Guild Hall has embraced this open-minded vision and provided a welcoming environment for the public to engage with art exhibitions, performances, and educational offerings. Art and artists have long been the engine of Guild Hall's activities and the institution continues to find innovative ways to support creativity in everyone.

Marty, a longtime East Hampton resident, became involved with Guild Hall as he was continually impressed with their programming. "It's got a wonderful theater and a wonderful exhibition space, "said Marty. "I underwrote a couple of music events and was asked to be on the board and as I got more and more involved with Guild Hall, my love of the institution grew tremendously."

Marty and I discussed our mutual feelings as philanthropists that while we balance our giving between the arts, healthcare, education and food insecurity, there is an equal importance to supporting the arts. He said "We have to look at the arts for what they do long term. They provide so much warmth and love and that does a lot of good things that may not be as transparent as the other causes." Marty continued, "the arts are underestimated with respect for what they can do for humanity, for the soul, for the mental health of people."

When I asked Marty what he's most proud of he noted the hiring of Andrea as Executive Director in 2016. Andrea has brought a breadth of experience in the arts and under her leadership, the legendary institution has embraced the edict, "Let artists lead the way." Andrea has produced a book documenting Guild Hall's incredible history in celebration of its 90th Anniversary, "Guild Hall for All". Andrea said "from the very start we were volunteer and artist run and that's

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Andrea Grover, Guild Hall's Executive Director and Marty Cohen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

(Photo credit: Sunny Norton)

part of our DNA, that everyone has a hand in making Guild Hall go." She continued, "the other really important part of our DNA is that it's a civic arts institution; so, it's a civic institution bookended by the arts - by visual and performing arts and with arts education at the top of the pinnacle."

Andrea drew an interesting parallel to where we are now coming out of the pandemic. She explained that when Guild Hall opened as an institution in 1931 during the Great Depression, there was a philosophy that "the arts would make us better citizens, they would make us participate more in government in our civic lives, and also make us critical thinkers; more adaptive, more attuned to the world and also more attuned to each other, more connected," she said. "And we need that at this moment just as much as we needed it in 1931."

Guild Hall attracts numerous celebrity artists and performers, presenting more than 200 programs and hosting 60,000 visitors each year. Thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsorships, admission to the hall is free for all. As part of the 90th Anniversary, Guild Hall has just announced a \$10M dollar campaign to renovate the facilities,

bringing a storied and beloved institution into a bright future. It's easy to see why Marty, Andrea and their loyal supporters are so passionate about Guild Hall. For more information, please visit Guild Hall online.

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- James Marzigliano, Kate McEntee Greg Gould, Cambria Gould
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Becoming Dr. Ruth at Bay Street Theater Renowned Sex Therapist Dr. Ruth

Renowned Sex Therapist **Dr. Ruth** attended the opening night of Becoming **Dr. Ruth** at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor. Tony and Emmy Award-nominee, **Tovah Feldshuh**, stars as **Dr. Ruth** in the one-woman play by renowned play wright Mark St. Germain. Becoming **Dr. Ruth**, directed by **Scott Schwartz**, Bay Street Theater's Artistic Director, chronicles the remarkable life of the noted psychologist **Dr. Ruth Westheimer** and will play at Bay Street Theater through June27th.

Photographs by Barry Gordin







- 1. Tovah Feldshuh,
 - Dr. Ruth Westheimer
- 2. Howard Schiffman, Beth Schiffman, Jodi Silverman, Mike Sontag
- 3. Scott Schwartz, Tracy Mitchell
- 4. Bruce T. Sloane, Douglas C Petri
- 5. Associate Artistic Director Bay Street Theater Will Pomerantz
- 6. Mr & Mrs Weintraub
- 7. Patti Kenner, Larry Kirshbaum, Barbara Kirshbaum, Mona Golabeck
- 8. Victoria Schneps, Dr. Ruth, Tracy Mitchell











Sun River Health at Southampton Social Club

Sun River Health hosted a benefit dinner in the beautiful outdoor garden at Southampton Social Club. Guests enjoyed a gourmet dinner and top-shelf beverages as they supported a critical organization that's working to keep the community healthy.

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- Southampton Mayor Jesse Warren, Sun River Health CEO AnneKauffman Nolon, Chairman of Sun River Health Andrew Richter, Southampton Councilperson John Bouvier
- Sun River Health Center DirectorJoy Pak, Dr. Carmen Chinea, AnneKauffman-Nolan, Sun River Health Deputy Executive Officer and CFO James D. Sinkoff





Claudio's Celebrates 150 Years

Claudio's Restaurants in Greenport celebrated an honorary 150th year with friends and family at their waterfront venue. With four venues on their property, 2021 is stacking up to be a great season for not only Claudio's but for Greenport as well.

Photograph by Rob Rich/SocietyAllure.com

SFAH's 29th Annual Decorators-Designers-Dealers Sale and Auction

Southampton Fresh Air Home held its highly anticipated fundraising event as they welcomed the Hampton's summer season. Their fabulous furniture sale featured designer furniture and rare antiques, decorative accessories, and much more. Cocktails and delicious treats were served throughout the day. Proceeds support SFAH year-round programs for youth with physical disabilities.

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- Lady Lily Cavendish, Todd Merrill, Lauren Merrill
- 2. Olga Raykhelson, Nicole Miller
- 3. Susan Cocke, Adrienne White, Kim White
- 4. Emily Mahoney, Tom Mahoney, Catherine Kuehn Price
- . Aida Turturro, Jean Shafiroff, Lee Fryd

Southampton Animal Shelter at NAIA

Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation and **Jean Shafiroff** invited guests to NAIA Restaurant at the Capri Hotel to honor our community's animal shelter. Photographs by Rob Rich/SocietyAllure.com





- Tony Bowles, Kate McEntee, Beau Hulse
- 2. Carolyn Maloney, NYS Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright,
 - . Jean Shafiroff, Henry Buhl



DAN'S PAPERS PHOTO CONTEST IS NOW OPEN!

JUNE THEME: PETS

Entries must be sent to photocontest@danspapers.com, images must be high resolution, 300 dpi and vertical so that it will translate well to a potential cover. Contest is open to amateur and professional photographers. Images must be taken on the East End of Long Island and submitted by the photographer. Dan's Papers (Schneps Media) must be granted permis-sion to post and print the image and its likeness with relation to the photo contest. No early or late submissions will be accepted.

July theme: Red, White, Blue (entries accepted July 1st-July 31st)
August theme: Beauty of the North Fork and East End
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NEWSWIEWS

Fitness Studio Coming Soon

BY BRIDGET LEROY

The "Anderson Moto Air Pro Reformer" will be released at the Tracy Anderson East Hampton fitness studio in July. The new Reformer promises to enhance synaptogenesis, repair mitochondrial damage, design muscles with clear precision, create youthful expression and protect spine and joint health. The machines do not incorporate any springs or weights, only air.

"Your muscles can become younger and healthier, and your joints can and deserve to be pain free," Anderson shares.

While the Tracy Anderson Water Mill studio will not house Anderson Moto Air Pro Reformers this summer, indoor group classes will be offered at the Water Mill location following all COVID-19 protocols.

For more info, visit tracyanderson.com.

Also, Instagram fitness sensation Isaac Boots will teach classes in the Hamptons this summer to benefit seven local charities. The Hawaiian-born Boots is a popular celebrity trainer.

Classes will take place at the amphitheater of the Children's Museum of the East End every Saturday and Sunday for 12 weekends from June 19 through September 5. The special "TORCH'D™LIVE! FROM THE HAMP-TONS" series of classes will be available live to Isaac's global audience through a variety of streaming platforms.

"I couldn't be more excited to lead classes at the Children's Museum of the East End this summer," says Boots from his home in New York City. "It will be an opportunity to work out while having fun and raising money for seven incredible organizations whose initiatives benefit local Hamptons children and teens."

They include: Bridgehampton Child Care &



TRACY ANDERSON.



A COURT RECENTLY RULED THAT THE STATE SHOULD NOT HAVE GRANTED SAND LAND A MINING PERMIT

Noyac Mine Plows Ahead Despite Court Ruling

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A New York State appeals court recently issued a ruling invalidating a Noyac sand mine's permit, but the mine is continuing to operate anyway, much to the chagrin of its residential neighbors.

Surveillance camera footage shared with *Dan's Papers* shows heavy machinery still working at the mine, Sand Land, more than a week after the May 27 ruling. Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman said he personally observed work continuing at the mine on June 7—three days after the town issued a stop-work order for mining at the site.

"Clearly they're ignoring the stop work order," Schneiderman said. "That is evidenced by what I saw yesterday. I observed it myself."

A panel of judges with the Appellate Division of the state Supreme Court, Third Judicial Department, had overturned a lower court's September ruling that affirmed the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) permit allowing Sand Land to operate. The DEC did not respond to a request for comment. Sand Land, which could potentially appeal to the state Court of Appeals—the highest court in the state—could not be reached for comment.

The appellate division effectively ruled that the DEC erred in granting the permit allowing Sand Land to operate in a town where mining is prohibited. The mine has raised concerns that it could impact drinking water quality by removing sand that filters water seeping into the aquifer from where water is drawn.

"The DEC cares nothing about the rule of law and even less about protecting our groundwater," said state Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor). "Sand Land is operating without a permit. The DEC should close the mine."

Neighbors were equally angered.

"The Department of Environmental Conservation is not living up to its title," said Elena Loreto, president of the Noyac Civic Council. "It is supposed to protect the environment. This is a case where the DEC is doing the opposite by ignoring the court's ruling."

Recreational Center food pantry; Children's Museum of the East End food pantry; Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Centerfood pantry; i-tri, providing mental, emotional, and physical training for adolescent girls; Project MOST, which offers an array of programs for students in Pre-K through eighth grade; The Retreat, providing comprehensive services, including shelter and counseling to children impacted by violence and abuse, as well as violence prevention

education to grades 3-12; Southampton Youth Association which provides recreational programming in small, intimate groups, with scholarships to students for high quality SAT prep and financial support for families to buy groceries.

In addition to his classes, Boots will soon be announcing the opening of Torch'd Shoppe by Isaac Boots, a pop up retail store.

Want to learn more? Go to isaacboots.com.

Drag Racing Greenlit at EPCAL

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

ar enthusiasts who've long sought a place to drag race on Long Island are cheering the Town of Riverhead's approval of five racing events in Calverton this summer, although residents concerned about noise are less enthused.

The town board approved a request to host at the Enterprise Park at Calverton (EPCAL) a Race Track Not Street at a Drag Racing Series that will run four weekends in August and September. The board also approved the Scrambul Runway Challenge Drag Racing Event set for the last weekend in September.

Riverhead Town Supervisor Yvette Aguiar said she expects the events to be safe and be an economic boon for the community. The Republican town leader's Democratic challenger in the November elections, Town Councilwoman Catherine Kent, abstained from the votes.

Despite assurances from race organizers that the races won't be as loud as feared, neighbors remain concerned about the potential for excess noise, environmental damage and traffic that the events will bring to the area.



THE FORMER GRUMMAN SITE CONTINUES TO DRAW ATTENTION FROM THE TOWN AND CIVIC GROUPS, WHO ARE NOT ALWAYS IN AGREEMENT. PHOTO BY RICK MURPHY

Molly Bishop is All Heart (of The Hamptons)

BY BRIDGET LEROY

M olly Bishop, who is the 13th generation of her family to live in Southampton, has been appointed to serve as the Executive Director of Heart of the Hamptons, which serves more than 1,100 households annually, addressing food insecurity, helping children and families, and assisting seniors and veterans meet their changing needs.

Bishop has spent her career in leading roles in the non-profit and political sectors of Suffolk County.

Heart of the Hamptons Board President Nick Epley states; "Molly is a great fit for our organization. Her work experience, leadership qualities and her love for the Southampton community gave the board great confidence in choosing her to lead our organization into this new chapter. We want to thank Hilton Crosby for everything he has done for Heart of the Hamptons over the past five and a half years."

During the past year, Bishop volunteered on the Southampton Village Youth Task Force and as a member of the Southampton Schools Safety and Infrastructure Committee to help get children safely back to school. She has served for several years on the Board of the Southampton Little League, promoting shared recreational activities for our community.



MOLLY BISHOP

"Serving my hometown as Executive Director of this incredible organization is a dream come true. I am humbled to have been chosen to build on the remarkable accomplishments of Hilton Crosby, the entire staff and dedicated volunteers at Heart of the Hamptons" says Bishop.

Heart of the Hamptons is close to starting construction for its new facility at 44 Meeting House

This summer, Heart of the Hamptons will be serving more than 800 children in the Southampton and Tuckahoe school districts that depend on the school lunch program to ensure they won't go hungry while school is out of session.

For more info about Heart of the Hamptons, visit heartofthehamptons.org.

OLA Gets CDC Grant for Mobile Vax Sites

BY BRIDGET LEROY

As the East End was gearing up for Memorial Day weekend, Organización Latino-Americana of Eastern Long Island received good news from the Centers for Disease Control's philanthropic CDC Foundation—preliminary approval for a grant of around \$100,000 as part of the Foundation's project, "Supporting Community-based Organizations (CBOs) to Increase Vaccination Coverage." The grant will allow OLA to continue ensuring that Latinx and other people of color have access to and understand the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Since February, the group has been doing this work unfunded. OLA has either operated its own pop up vaccination sites in East Hampton and Greenport, in partnership with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and Northwell Health respectively, as well as with nonprofit partners; or it has collaborated with houses of worship, schools, and local business to ensure that as many East End residents as possible, including and especially Latinx community members, receive the COVID-19 vaccine through intensive one-on-one outreach and appointment scheduling. This work has resulted

directly in more than 2,300 local people receiving vaccines.

Most recently, OLA worked to bring the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine to 107 East End Latinx community members, including landscapers and youth, at one of the area's largest landscaping companies, Marders (May 19), and at Springs Food Pantry (May 26), located in the Springs Presbyterian Church. OLA provided several bilingual staff members and volunteers to help register people on site, answer any questions related to vaccine hesitancy, interpret when necessary, guide people through the process and share materials related to youth mental health and OLA's Project Hope CO-VID crisis counseling program.

"It has been a natural next step for OLA to connect its developing relationships with health care institutions directly to our local workforce and other family support networks such as the Springs Food Pantry. Both Marders and the pantry were encouraging and supportive of these actions," said Minerva Perez, OLA's Executive Director. "We understand our role as creating access to vaccines as well as sharing as widely as possible information related to vaccines."

DAN'S COLUMN

Presto Chango: One Day a Dry Depression, the Next Day the East Hampton Town Pond!

BY DAN RATTINER

J ust two days before Memorial Day weekend, earthmovers and bulldozers were still moving dirt around in a

depression of the earth that had once been Town Pond at the entrance to downtown East Hampton. The next day, Town Pond was back, its glistening waters surging back in and now ready once again to host pairs of white swans, mallard ducks, fish, turtles along with children on the shore operating remote-controlled sailboats.

It was as if the pond had never been drained, patched, its muck taken out and its bottom scrubbed for the prior four months.

Yes, it's true. The beautiful town pond in East Hampton is a fake. It was for thousands of years just a buggy swamp. But then around 1880, the citizens of this community together with the newly arrived high society summer people from New York drained the swamp, put in a bottom and sides and made it into the town's pride and joy.

Of course, it was easy to make this happen back then. At high tide, the nearby Hook Pond would overflow into the swamp. With just a few tricks involving underground outfall pipes, water pumps and drainage basins, voila. Everybody loves the pond—except every quarter-century it would have to be demucked.

I vividly remember the last time the muck had to be taken out of the pond. It was around 1990. That summer, the powers that be at Village Hall voted to have bulldozers and backhoes come in after dark and drive into the pond—it's only 3 feet deep—to begin scooping th muck off the bottom. A huge load of dripping wet muck 10 feet high was piled high along the eastern shore that night. The town fathers thought that by working at night—it might take three or four nights—they could get it

all de-mucked without disturbing the citizenry. But they never got past that first night.

It was the people from the social set who had awakened the following morning to see this huge and very disturbing pile of muck defacing Town Pond. Alarmed, they called the authorities. The muck must be removed immediately. The next night, the existing muck got hauled off and that ended the project — incomplete and nipped in the bud.

During that summer, I had our Dan's Papers office on Main Street in Bridgehampton and at the end of the workday would drive, passing Town Pond, to my home in Springs, East Hampton. On closing days, the day the paper went to the printer, the end of the day was sometimes at 2 a.m. the following morning. And so it was that one particular night a few weeks later, I was driving home at that hour, got to the turn where you first see Town Pond and to my amazement, my car's headlights shone onto the pond and maybe a dozen men wearing rubber waders and carrying flashlights while standing waist deep in the pond doing something.

I pulled over, got my camera out and walked over. It was quite a scene. Three pickup trucks were parked alongside the pond. Something by the Rolling Stones was thumping out from a boombox tape deck radio in the back of one of the trucks. A few black Lab dogs were running back and forth on the shore. The people in the pond I now realized were local baymen - Bonackers — scraping the bottom of the pond with clam rakes, lifting muck dripping wet out of the water and dropping it into floating fruit baskets set into inflatable rubber donuts — the usual apparatus used when going clamming. I knew some of the men.

I can't say they were happy to see me, the editor of *Dan's Papers*, with a camera. But a few did reluctantly answer my questions when I asked them what they were doing.





TOWN POND, EAST HAMPTON: NOW YOU DON'T SEE IT, NOW YOU DO

It turned out the village, having been berated by high society for having an alarming amount of muck on the shore, had hired the Bonackers to secretly clean the muck off the bottom of the pond at night, a project they thought might take two weeks. With the Bonackers gone before sunrise, nobody would be the wiser. And they'd be augmenting their income.

I took some photographs. Asked the names of some I did not know. Some told me. Others said they wouldn't tell me. I left.

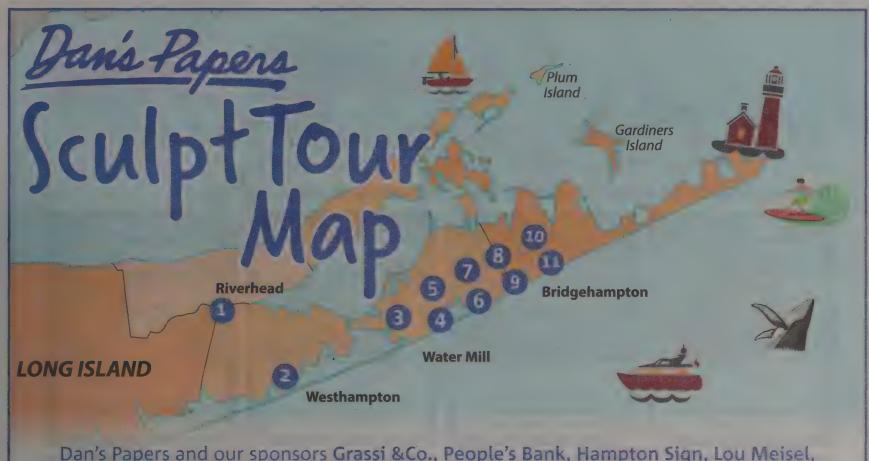
And that's how, last time, the pond got de-mucked.

And I did, eventually, write about it, but only after they were all done. A scoop (pun!)—but without personal consequences.

Today, they just went out, took away the pond, and cleaned the muck out with the heavy equipment there all day for all to see, day and night, for four months.

It's a new era. And nobody cares.





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Elections Heat Up:

Voters to Decide Key Village Races, Town Primaries



VILLAGE ELECTIONS ARE ON JUNE 15 AND 18 AND EARLY VOTING IN TOWN PRIMARIES STARTS ON JUNE 12.

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

B eaches won't be the only place people will be flocking to in the Hamptons this June. This month is also time for voters to hit the polls for some pivotal local elections.

There are a total of 15 local races on ballots this month. Seven of the 10 villages on the East End have elections in June, when two of the region's five towns also have another eight primaries between them. While a handful of the village races are uncontested and some town primaries will decide which candidate will get a minor-party line on Election Day, a few races are

particularly spicy.

Chief among them is the June 18 rematch between freshman Southampton Village Mayor Jesse Warren and his predecessor, Michael Irving, who Warren unseated two years ago. The race proved notable for its rare influx of outside campaign influence, most notably from the Long Island Law Enforcement Foundation, the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association's super PAC, which has sent mailers attacking Warren, who has been in a public feud with the village police chief over spending. The mailers erroneously claim Warren associated with a pimp.

"What we're seeing right now is the worst of the worst," Warren said during a debate hosted by the Express News Group. "While I am appalled, I believe that most of our residents are appalled as well."

While Warren insisted that his campaign is focusing on his administration's accomplishments, Irving blamed Warren for the harsh tone of the race.

"The tactics that have developed in the last two years is a direct result of the individual that is mayor," Irving responded. "I don't endorse any of these childish advertisements." It's not the only village mayoral contest on the East End. First-term Sag Harbor Mayor Kathleen Mulcahy is facing a challenge from three-term Trustee James Larocca on June 15.

"I am breaking a promise to myself that I was never going to run for mayor because in the last couple of years I have become deeply, mortally worried about this community that we all love," Larocco told another ENG debate.

"We got a lot done in the last two years, despite the pandemic," Mulcahy responded, emphasizing that she will maintain an open-door policy and collaborative approach.





SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE MAYOR JESSE WARREN AND HIS CHALLENGER, MICHAEL IRVING

VILLAGE TRUSTEE RACES

Of the seven East End villages in which trustee elections are on ballots this month, only two feature a contested race. They also happen to be in Sag Harbor and Southampton villages.

Bayard Fenwick, a local real estate agent and assistant captain of the Sag Harbor Fire Department, is making it a three-way race for Sag Harbor Trustees Aidan Corish and Robert Plumb, who are running for re-election.

In the Village of Southampton, incumbent trustees and Irving allies Mark Parash and Andrew Pilaro are running for re-election against challengers Robin Brown and Roy Stevenson.

Of the remaining five uncontested East End village races, two feature fresh faces, while the other three are incumbents running uncontested.

On June 18, Village of Sagaponack incumbent Trustee William Barbour is seeking re-election unopposed and Carrie Thayer Crowley is running uncontested for the seat being vacated by Joy Sieger, the deputy mayor.

On June 15, North Haven Village Trustee Terie Diat is seeking re-election unopposed and Chris Fiore is running uncontested for the seat vacated by A. James Laspesa.

And on June 18, six incumbents are running uncontested re-election campaigns in three villages. They include Quogue village trustees Randy Cardo and Ted Necarsulmer, Westhampton Beach village trustees Rob Rubio and Brian Tymann and West Hampton Dunes village trustees Gary Trimarchi and John J. Efff Jr.

In Dering Harbor, incumbent Trustee Ari Benacerraf ran re-election unopposed on May 28 and Brandon Rose won the seat left vacant by Clora Kelly, who resigned from the board in March.

The Village of East Hampton does not have any elections this month and the Village of Greenport held its elections in March.

TOWN PRIMARIES

Some East End voters, depending upon their party registration, will have a chance to vote in eight primaries across two South Fork towns when the early voting period starts on June 12 ahead of the June 20 primary day.

The most high profile primary is in the Town of East Hampton, where Councilman Jeffrey Bragman is challenging Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc to decide who will get the Democratic line in the November elections.

Democratic voters will also decide which two candidates win the threeway race for the Dem line in the East Hampton town board race: John P. Whelan, Cathy A. Rogers or Kathee Burke-Gonzalez. That's in addition to There are
a total of

15 local

races on

ballots

this

month.

10 candidates running for nine Democratic lines in the East Hampton town council race.

Democrats, Conservatives and Working Families Party members will also decide five primaries in the Town of Southampton.

Three of those primaries are in the race for town justice. Of four incumbent justices, two have terms that expire this December. Deborah E. Kooperstein is not seeking re-election, but Barbara L. Wilson is, and she's running in all three primaries. Wilson is facing Adam B. Grossman and Shari P. Oster in the Democratic race, Bryan L. Browns and Patrick J Gunn in the Conservative primary, as well as Browns, Oster and Grossman for the Working Families Party line.

Rounding out the Southampton primaries are two more Working Families Party races. Thomas F. Neely and Marc Braeger are seeking the nod in the race to replace outgoing Southampton Town Highway Superintendent Alex D. Gregor.

And there are four seeking that party's line in the town council race: Miranda P. Schultz, Sean P. McArdle, Robin L. Long, and Tommy John Schiavoni, the lone incumbent in that primary.

For voting information, contact your local village or visit suffolkvotes.

Our Amazing History:

The 1653 Invasion

BY DAN RATTINER

id you ever wonder if the leader of a hostile enemy force ever put his finger on a map of the Hamptons and told his men, "Okay, let's do it?" Well, it's happened. Four times. Guns blazing. It happened in 1653, in 1777, in 1812 and in 1942. One time in each of the last four centuries. Here is the account from 1653.

THE SURPRISE ATTACK ON THE MONTAUKETTS

In 1635, an English engineer named Lion Gardiner living in Holland was brought across the Atlantic to erect one of his forts around Old Saybrook, Conn., an English outpost under attack from the vicious Pequot Indians. As he was also a soldier, his job also included fighting the Pequots.

With the Pequots mostly subdued, Lion Gardiner was, for his efforts, giv-

en an island off the coast of Amagansett on which to settle with his family. It came to be called Gardiners Island. There, in 1639, he befriended the leader of the peaceful Montaukett Indians, Wyandanch. Wyandanch asked Gardiner to protect them from the Niantic Indians, who, with the Pequots gone, were led by their chief Ningret and endangering the Montauketts and other more peaceful tribes. Gardiner agreed to the request.

But that didn't stop Ninigret from leading a surprise attack on a Montaukett wedding party in 1653. The Niantics came in canoes, which they paddled across Long Island Sound, killed 30 people, including the groom, and kidnapped the bride-Wyandanch's daughter-taking her with them when they left.

Gardiner, to help his bereaved friend, went off on a peaceful mission across Long Island Sound to pay



LION GARDINER FIGHTING THE PEQUOT

a ransom to Ninigret. He succeeded and brought the daughter back to her

Lion Gardiner is buried in the South End Burying Ground at Town Pond in East Hampton. An overly large sarcophagus of him is at his grave. He is seen lying on his back holding a sword on his chest. He is dressed in medieval armor that includes a helmet and

We know about this because Lion Gardiner wrote about it 1660. During his retirement he wrote a 60-page account of his life in America at the fort in Connecticut, including bloody battles he fought there. He wrote it in longhand of course, but was filed away and not rediscovered until early in the 19th century. It is available on Amazon under the title A History of the Pequot War.



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hat a night it was when I arrived at the American Hotel in Sag Harbor to meet the iconic and legendary sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer for her 93rd birthday celebration dinner before accompanying her to see herself portrayed in Becoming Dr. Ruth, a one-woman show starring Emmy Award nominee Tovah Feldshuh at the reopening of the renowned Bay Street Theater.

It was an exciting night on many levels, but for me, I found the most joy in holding Dr. Ruth's soft, delicate hands during dinner.

We were a group of 12 people seated at two tables and I was told by organizer and hostess Patti Kenner to sit next to the honored guest. What a treat!

Life's connectedness brought me to the dinner, thanks to my friend Upper East Side Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright.

Dr. Ruth has a doctorate of education from Columbia University and is very proud of her being a professor at several CUNY schools. She seemed especially proud of her honorary doctorate recently awarded from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and took delight in a special pin she was



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The Unsinkable Dr. Ruth



Holding her delicate but powerful hands reminded me of the time I held the hands of my beloved friend Claire Shulman when she was at the age of 94. Claire was 5 feet 10 inches tall and had large, yet soft hands, while Dr. Ruth is about 4 feet 7 inches tall and her hands are just as tiny as she is. But, in holding their hands, I felt both women's warmth and caring qualities. Just like Claire, Dr. Ruth had a remarkable way of making me feel special.

To my surprise, as we talked, she mentioned she is going to Lake Oscawana for the weekend. I said, with great joy, "that's where I spent every summer of my life until I went to college!" So many sweet memories and I hope I can visit her there to relive for a moment my childhood

After dinner, I had the privilege of driving her to the Bay Street Theatre, just down the block. She left her extra bags in my car and offered innumerable thanks for the ride. I told her it was, in fact, my honor!

I thought I knew of Dr. Ruth, the name she adopted with the launch of her 1980 radio show Sexually Speaking, but I didn't know she has written 45 books on sex and sexuality.

I also learned of this courageous woman's journey—she is a Holocaust survivor-through the powerful play we saw after dinner, Becoming Dr. Ruth. It's a masterfully written one-woman play by renowned playwright Mark St. Germain, who directed the production in a way that allowed Tovah, the talented starring actress, to channel Dr. Ruth.

When we got to the theater, Dr. Ruth directed the staff to seat her out of view of Tovah and be seated next to Tovah's husband, the brilliant lawyer Andrew Levy. I was seated one seat away from Dr. Ruth and I kept my eyes on her as her life was portrayed on stage.

I never knew that Dr. Ruth was one of a group of 300 children sent to the safety of Switzerland in 1939 by her mother and grandmother as Hitler's grip on Germany tightened. Her father had been taken away by the Nazis just days before. She never saw her family again.

But there is an indomitable spirit in her that pushed her forward from her "slavery" in Switzerland to Paris and then to Israel, where she joined the underground Haganah, which helped her survive and eventually flourish in America.

Dr. Ruth's story is one that brought tears, fear and cheers to my heart. Dr. Ruth sat at the edge of her seat and laughed and loved every moment of the play.

You can relish the 90-minute performance until June 27. Reservations can be made online at baystreet.org.

Don't miss the play, as you will love it. too!

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We were invited to a "friends and family" introduction dinner party and I delightedly accepted.

The stunning setting was created by the new owner Heath Freeman, a passionate Montauk resident. He's also the new owner of Tribune Media, which is second only to Gannett in the number of daily newspapers published nationwide. His holdings also include the New York Daily News.

He and I bonded over our mutual love of newspapers and our wish to keep them sustainable. Our company prints over 600,000 papers a week and most of them are printed on the Daily News' presses, so we have a lot in common.

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Dan's Papers welcomes

Angela LaGreca



ngela LaGreca has joined Dan's APapers as our new Vice President of Features and Events.

She is a four-time Emmy-winning producer, writer and comedian/host/ entertainer, with extensive experience in media.

As the Head Writer at ABC-TV's The View, she wrote and produced the show's popular "Hot Topics" with moderator Meredith Vieira and co-wrote Joy Behar's comedic "Month in Review" segment. LaGreca was brought from The View over to NBC by Vieira when she became co-anchor of Today, and Angela was her longtime producer there, where she wrote and produced live and taped segments, worked with the team that helped launch Today's 10 a.m. hour with Kathie Lee and Hoda Kotb. She received the Ovation Award for her three-part television series on Today called "I Want A Baby."

LaGreca was also a Supervising Producer at The Meredith Vieira Show, a Senior Producer-Writer at Sirius XM Radio (worked in the STARS group and with Jenny McCarthy), a Senior Producer at Daily Mail TV, and a writer for the STAR magazine ("Fashion Police").

Before entering the world of television, Angela worked in magazines-she has written for ELLE, the Smith College Quarterly, and was the Managing Editor of Modern Photography (with a national circulation of 750,000).

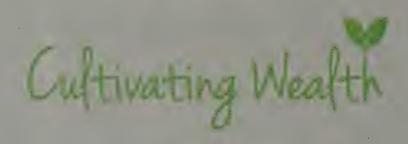
She is a four-time MAC award-winning musical comedian, performing everywhere from Caroline's to Carnegie Hall. Her TV appearances include Showtime's Nurse Jackie, and the NBC mini-series A Woman Named Jackie. For many years she was also Joy Behar's opening act, performing at theaters,

countless celebrities, and was part of clubs and Atlantic City. Angela has performed out east at Bay Street Theater, Guild Hall and the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center.

Prior to joining Schneps Media and Dan's Papers, LaGreca worked for two years as the Creative Director at the LTV Media Center in Wainscott, where she produced and developed content, hosted several shows, and hosted/produced a series of Creative Salon Nites featuring local and national artists, writers, performers, musicians, filmmakers. She produced LTV's successful comedy fundraiser featuring Elayne Boosler, Michele Balan and a live auction with Bill McCuddy.

Angela loves the East End and is never happier than when she is gardening, cooking for friends and singing/writing/reading and watching her daughter paint. She loves to assemble talented, kind, fun/funny people to share. She has had a house in Springs for almost 18 years. When Plum TV was in the Hamptons, Angela hosted a show called Laugh Out Loud with Angela. She is a proud mom to a growing 7-year-old artist who knows every museum and art gallery on the East End. Angela also resides in Manhattan on the Upper East Side (even though everyone says she belongs on the Upper West Side). She graduated with honors from Smith College where she was a political science major and the features editor of The Sophian (and the first non-music major at Smith to give a classical, operatic voice recital). To this day, if you ask her father, he will say she missed her calling because "she could have been an opera singer" (but if you ask Angela, she is happier making fun of opera singers ... that's how it goes, folks).

At Dan's Papers, Angela is the VP of Features and Events, she writes a regular column titled Out East End as well as feature stories. She also works with Dan Rattiner on his podcast "Dan's Talks" and is producing an Out East End Impact Awards event scheduled for the end of the summer, as well as other events. Angela is also part of the advertising team at Dan's.





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Dan's Papers welcomes

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BY BRIDGET LEROY

We welcome Flo Anthony to Dan's Papers as our South O' The Highway correspondent.

Busy is the word to describe Flo Anthony. A multi-award winning journalist, Flo is a bestselling author of three novels, Keeping Secrets Telling Lies, Deadly Stuff Players and One Last Deadly Play.

Flo currently hosts a daily radio show Gossip On The Go With Flo, which is syndicated by Superadio and heard in 20 markets. In addition, she is the publisher of blacknoir.nyc, pens a weekly column "Go With The Flo," which appears in the NY Amsterdam News, Philadelphia Sunday Sun and Columbus Times. Anthony is also a freelance reporter for the NY Daily News.

A veteran newspaper woman, Flo was the first African American woman to work in the Sports Department of the NY Post, and went on to become the first African American in the

Post's Entertainment and the world renowned Page Six departments. She also made history as the first African American woman to write a column in a supermarket tabloid with her "Eye on the Stars" column in the National Examiner.

Getting her start on the Emmy award-winning Joan Rivers Show, Anthony's career includes an extensive television reporting stint where she appeared on over 25 talk and news programs including Geraldo, E! Entertainment TV, Joan Lunden, Ricki Lake, Sally Jesse Raphael, Fox News Channel, and Entertainment Tonight. She revolutionized tabloid TV by bringing Michael Jackson on Inside Edition with her. Flo also appeared on TV One's Life After and Hollywood Unsung.

Aside from her work as a journalist, Anthony also represents 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist and Two-Division Boxing Champion Michael Spinks. She resides in the historic Sugar Hill District of Harlem in New York City.



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Beloved Animator Don Duga

Known Best For His Work On Frosty The Snowman And Other Holiday Classics, Dies At 87



Donald "Don" Jerome Duga, renowned animator whose work included iconic favorites such as Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Mr. Magoo and the Emmy-nominated The Little Drummer Boy, died May 30 in Westhampton. He was 87.

The fun-loving Duga had an innate connection with the magic of child-hood that he carried into his art. Duga was fittingly best known for his work on *Frosty the Snowman*, which debuted on television in 1969 and ran once a year ever since, and which taught millions of viewers the values of friendship, sacrifice and the magic of believing.

Donald Duga was born on January 1, 1934 in Hollywood, California. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Chouinard Art Institute, where he planned to be an abstract artist. His life changed while studying with the famous animator Don Graham, who was hired by Disney to teach the animators how to draw Snow White.

"I was never going to be in animation," Duga once told *Dan's Papers*. "I was going to be a painter. But my drawing teacher said that you actually get paid if you do animation."

After graduation he worked for United Pictures Association, which produced Mr. Magoo for television. MDuga once described his big break into the industry working on Mr. Magoo, the creation of legendary John

Hubley, who was blacklisted by Senator Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s. Duga was called on to replace the head writer and took on all the aspects of creating the animation, including writing the stories, creating the storyboards, layouts and design.

A few years later, he drove his Volkswagen bus across the country, winding up in New York City. He landed a position as an art director for movies, television and commercials at Pelican Films, an animation studio on Madison Avenue.

"Animation was hot back then, and it was a whole new experience to work in the New York atmosphere," Duga told *Newsday*. While in New York, he met fellow artist Irra Vertbitsky, whom he later married.

Duga decided to try a new adventure when he found out he could ship his VW bus to Belgium for only \$200. He and Verbitsky traveled around Europe before settling in Rome and then Milan, Italy, creating animation for Olivetti typewriters and other Italian products. They later moved back to Manhattan, married, and formed their own animation company, Polestar Films and Associated Arts, in 1976.

Mr. Duga's storied career in animation included working with Rankin/ Bass Animated Entertainment, Sesame Street and individual animators such as Seamus Culhane and others. His work ran the gamut from the iconic Christmas specials, to Saturday morning cartoon classics such as The Jackson 5ive and The Osmonds, educational triumphs such as Owen (narrated by Sarah Jessica Parker) and Goodnight, Gorilla, as well as pop culture favorites like Mad Monster Party (with Phyllis Diller and Boris Karloff) and The Last Unicorn (featuring Mia Farrow and Jeff Bridges). Duga and Verbitsky won several awards including the prestigious Carnegie Medal for Best Children's film of the year and the ASIFA East Award for their work on

Duga firmly believed in the artistic underpinnings of animation.

"I learned Renaissance techniques in art school that have helped me with animation," he once enthusiastically told a reporter. "Animation should have started in the Renaissance. Only the camera hadn't been invented yet."



Much of Duga's work was in continuity design, essentially giving the characters life. "I work out the whole sequence, the continuity, the shot plot, I bring the emotion to it. The board is the key that makes the whole film work," Duga was once quoted as saying.

Don Duga was a mentor to up-and-coming animators, teaching for 50 years at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. Much-loved by his students, Duga formed lifelong bonds with many of them as they pursued their own careers in the "art of animation" as Duga always referred to it. He taught his students classical animation techniques including hand-drawn storyboards and individually painted backgrounds.

Duga lived much of his life with his family in Greenwich Village, in New York City. In his later years he spent most of his time in the family summer home in Baiting Hollow, where he enjoyed kayaking and socializing on his beloved beach. He was a staple of the East End arts community, hosting annual art shows and crafting several special covers for *Dan's Papers*, considered the artistic apex of the Hamptons

Duga was predeceased by his sister, Sharon Kamens, and his brother, Lawrence Duga.

He is survived by his wife, Irra Verbitsky, his daughter, Amanita Duga-Carroll, his son, Brady Duga, and four grandchildren, Jacob, Kyle, Lila and Cameron, as well as his son-in-law Bruce Carroll and daughter-in-law Gina Pisello.

Donald Duga donated his body to science, therefore there will not be a funeral. The family will have a private gathering, with plans for public memorial later this summer.

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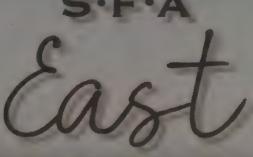
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BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Amodern waterfront home on Mecox Bay in Bridgehampton, designed to make the most of indoor-outdoor living with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass walls, sold last week for \$24.995 million.

Tim O'Connor of Brown Harris Stevens represented the buyers of 347 Jobs Lane, who closed on the deal June 1. No word on who they are just yet.

"At the first showing, the buyers fell in love with the extraordinary Bates Masi design, the waterfront location and ocean views and they knew that this was a winner," says O'Connor. "The timing was absolutely perfect; the closing took place just in time for summer."

Susan Breitenbach and Cutter Koster of the Corcoran Group sold the new 10,000-square-foot

home, a 2019 project by Breitenbach Builders and designed by Bates Masi + Architects.

The seven-bedroom, eight-and-a-half bath home sits on 2.26 well-landscaped acres and has "every



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STUNNING PROPERTY

bell and whistle imaginable," plus "incredible views from every room," Breitenbach says.

"It was designed to bring the outside in with 30-foot trees in the center,"

she adds, noting there is a waterfront pool, a dock, a tennis court, and an outdoor covered kitchen.

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Plus, Breitenbach says, there is an outside shower and tub on a large patio off the master suite that is "nicer than an Aman resort!"

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BEHIND THE HEDGES REAL ESTATE



Buy a Unit in Montauk Shores Condominium Trailer Park for \$1.675 Million

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

A two-bedroom unit in Montauk Shores Condominium, an oceanfront trailer park, has come on the market at \$1.675 million.

The gated community, one of the most coveted on the South Fork, enjoys 900 feet of coastline and access to some of the best surfing and surfcasting spots the island has to offer. Unit 14, a 595-square-foot home, is listed for sale with Betsy Cronley of the Corcoran Group, who has sold three oceanfront units and others within the complex.

What started out as a rustic seaside campsite became the first mobile home park condominium in New York State in 1976. While it was coined "Montauk's best kept secret," Montauk Shores has become popular with a wealthy set that likes to surf as its just a stone's throw from the famed

Ditch Plains Beach, and it has even been termed "Billionaire's Corner."

This home was recently renovated. The new windows and sliding doors allow for ocean views from every angle of the open living space, according to the listing. "Enjoy your morning coffee while checking out the surf, dine out on your expansive newly built deck or just sit back and watch the whales breach," it says.

The home features all new appliances, including a refrigerator, a dishwasher, a microwave and a washer/dryer. There is a brand new outdoor shower and ample outdoor storage space. There is central air conditioning and heat, too.

A new and larger unit could be brought in to replace the current one, according to the listing.

Montauk Shores offers a club house, a heated swimming pool, a playground and a community garden.





INSIDE THE MONTAUK SHORES CONDOMINIUM



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5 Termite
Prevention Tips

By the time termite damage is visible to the untrained eye, it can add up to a massive repair bill. Here are five tips for keeping termites from getting into your home in the first place.

FIX DRAINAGE

Make sure gutter downspouts divert water away from the home, fix leaky pipes, and make sure A/C drip lines don't cause water to pool near the foundation, as the moisture draws termites.

CLEAR MULCH

Mulch looks nice, but it can also be a breeding ground for termites. Keep it at least 4 inches from the base of the house.

KEEP DISTANCE

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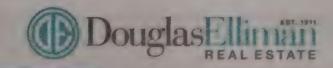
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This Week's Cover Artist:

Cat Bachman

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Perennial cover artist Cat Bachman returns for the June 11, 2021, issue with another fantastic cover painting. She discusses "Half Moon Bay II," the summer inspiration behind it and the slight shift from her usual fantasy genre.

What is the name of this delightful piece, and what's the inspiration behind it?

The title of the cover painting is "Half Moon Bay II." It is a retro scene, inspired by summer days long ago. As a little girl growing up in the '60s, how I longed for one of those



CAT BACHMAN

dazzling rubber bathing caps with the appliqued flowers!

Did the conception and creation process of this piece differ at all from your usual process?

The conception is nearly always the same for me. An idea appears suddenly in my mind, like a boulder was dropped there from an unknown source. So that I don't forget it, I scribble the thought down on anything I can find. Next, I go to the place my mind envisioned and take lots of photos, all the while feeling the magic. The creation of this differed a bit from my usual process. "Half Moon Bay II," along with its companion piece, "Half Moon Bay I," was painted on masonite and is more of a folk art style. Most of my other acrylic paintings are done on canvas and are more of a fantasy genre.

What makes this piece such an ideal fit for a summer Dan's Papers cover?

Making waves in her colorful mod bikini and fashionable cap, is this whimsical lady. A soft summer breeze moves her pinwheel, as bright umbrellas spill shade onto the sand, bringing to life a nostalgic beach scene on a fun summer *Dan's Papers* cover.



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What inspires you most as an artist, either in general or at this moment in time?

The East End is my greatest source of inspiration. The glorious beaches, the quaint villages, the windswept dunes—it is paradise here. The characters I paint are never bored. There is always something to do, always a story to be told.

What are your favorite East End spots to visit during the summer, and do elements of these locales appear in your work? My favorite spots are the ones outside. The fish, the frogs, the seahorses, all of the characters I paint appear on boats, on beaches, on bikes. Just like their human counterparts, they surf, they sail, they play, they party.

What do you find most rewarding about creating art?

It is definitely the blissful state I enter when painting. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. The colors, the imagination, the dream. Everything I want, I already have



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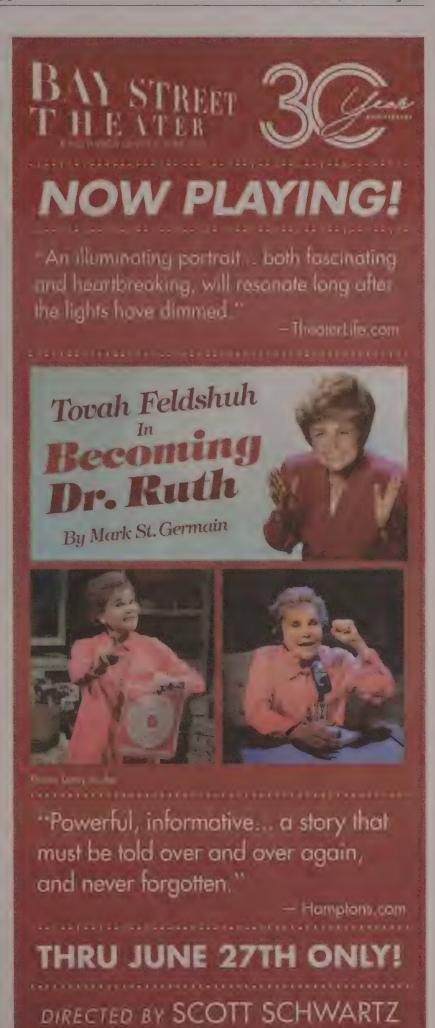
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Eric Fischl's Saints of Sag Harbor: A 10-part Series

BY BRIDGET LEROY

The religious past and the art-as-religion future have intersected within the walls of the Sag Harbor Church, a former house of worship turned cultural hub, with famed artists/activists April Gornik and Eric Fischl as the founders of the movement to create and open the space, and Sara Cochran as

executive director. The soaring Sag Harbor Church is home to 20 windows; the center of each a large square of glass; it is there, explains Fischl, where the "arts saints of Sag Harbor, the dead saints, will be canonized."

The Sag Harbor Church is now open, and Fischl's artistic contribution to the historical narrative of those of who were drawn to the East End by the

light and natural beauty as a vortex of creativity shine down from the portals surrounding the space. For more information about programs, visit sagharborchurch.org

Dan's Papers is spotlighting two windows a week, with Fischl's light-hearted responses when asked the irreverent question, "What would this luminary be the patron saint of, besides Sag Harbor?"



George Balanchine

(1904 - 1983)

According to Fischl, "George Balanchine is the saint of the musicality of precision and beauty of bodies in motion. He is also the saint of refugees, geniuses and those light on their feet."

George Balanchine was one of the 20th century's most important choreographers. Called the father of American ballet, he co-founded the New York City Ballet and remained its Artistic Director for more than 35 years.

Balanchine took the standards and technique from his time at the Imperial Ballet School of St. Petersburg and fused it with other schools of movement that he had adopted during his tenure on Broadway and in Hollywood, creating his signature "neoclassical style."

"Mr. B," as he was affectionately known, worked extensively with leading composers of his time like Igor Stravinsky and Paul Hindemith. After forming his own company Les Ballets, collaborating with Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, he was invited to America in 1933 by the young arts patron Lincoln Kirstein. Together they founded the School of American Ballet, and it was also with Kirstein that Balanchine co-founded the New York City Ballet. Balanchine also spent extensive time on the West Coast, creating dances for movies, and briefly served as choreographer for the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo.

George Balanchine is interred at the Oakwood Cemetery in Sag Harbor, his grave a shrine for dancers and other entertainers.



Herman Melville

(1819 - 1891)

"Herman Melville is the saint of writers with literary ambition of biblical proportion and moral perspective, harsh lessons, savage truths and ferocious seas," offers Fischl.

Herman Melville was an American novelist, short story writer, and poet. Among his best-known works are *Moby-Dick; or, The Whale* (1851), *Typee* (1846), a romanticized account of his experiences in Polynesia, and *Billy Budd, Sailor*, a posthumously published novella. *Moby-Dick; or, The Whale* is considered one of the greatest American novels.

Sag Harbor is mentioned several times in Melville's *Moby-Dick*—in one instance as a model of depravity, as the "savage" harpooner Queequeg recounts: "But, alas! the practices of whalemen soon convinced him that even Christians could be both miserable and wicked; infinitely more so, than all his father's heathens. Arrived at last in old Sag Harbor; and seeing what the sailors did there; and then going on to Nantucket, and seeing how they spent their wages in that place also, poor Queequeg gave it up for lost. Thought he, it's a wicked world in all meridians; I'll die a pagan."

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Forensic Science, Art & Environmentalism:

The History of Hannaford Studios

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Great art tells a story—great art galleries *are* a story. The history of Hannaford Studios comprises one fascinating chapter after another.

Founder Jennifer Hannaford was a forensic scientist for 25 years, receiving her Masters in biomedical forensic science from Boston University in 2013. In this line of work, she experienced the harsh extremes of human nature and sought out art to get in touch with her natural creative side. She began with mug shots made entirely with fingerprints and expanded her subject scope and style from there. With her background in forensics, Hannaford has a rare understanding of the way the human body looks and reacts underwater, leading to the stunningly lifelike underwater figurative oil paintings for which she is most well-known.

In May 2019, Hannaford opened Hannaford Studios in Patchogue where she has displayed and sold her gorgeous works, as well as pieces by wildlife artist Aubrey Ashburn and a number of guest artists. Hannaford even began offering custom works to those who desire swimming portraits. The seaside gallery was quickly becoming one of the most popular in the area, then March 2020 happened.

Not one year after opening, her business was declared non-essential and forced to close in the early months of the pandemic. Neighboring business Simple Good, Long Island's first zero-waste lifestyle shop, received the same fate, and owner Melanie Gonzalez and Hannaford were unsure if their businesses would survive long in such a state. The two began to brainstorm ways they could collaborate to create a unique new concept that would function as more than a retail space—a community resource that helped drive environmental change by educating the community on planet-minded practices.

The pair welcomed the public to the opening of the Long Island Center of Environmental Activism (LICEA) on April 10, 2021. LICEA is located at Hannaford Studios and offers art, retail, programs for all ages, guest speakers and classes on how to reduce waste, recycle, compost and choose sustainable products that are better for the Earth. Hannaford and Gonzalez envision a Long Island that stands as an example of how to lead the fight against climate change.

"Meeting Melanie was learning how lacking I am in knowledge about what our daily activities are doing to our environment and what we are leaving for future generations to inherit," Hannaford says. "While that realization was initially overwhelming, I have learned that there is a starting place for anyone who wants to make change for the better. And we welcome all to our space no matter where they are on the journey. The most exciting thing I hear daily at work is, 'How can I get involved?' This reminds me that there is a lot of hope, even in difficult times."

With the exciting new project, came another shift in Hannaford's artistic



"ALL IN" BY JENNIFER HANNAFORD

focus. Her expanded repertoire now features many Long Island landscapes that showcase the beauty of the local environment, beaches and water.

"My nephew, photographer Miles Hannaford, and I had underwater swimming commissions lined up for the summer of 2019, all of which we canceled due to distancing concerns," Hannaford explains. "With those works off the table, my focus shifted. With a bit of extra time, I started walk-

ing in nature during the pandemic. During difficult times, we look for silver linings, and reconnecting with nature was one of them. My paintings are my depictions of some of these moments walking on Long Island, mostly at sunrise. It has been a pleasant surprise to have folks come into the gallery, recognize locations and share their experiences."

Hannaford Studios is also showcasing a one-of-a-kind upcycled wine barrel installation by Douglas Ball, which Hannaford considers "especially exciting in that we live close to the beautiful wine trail on the North Fork." Plenty more planet-minded pieces by students and adults are expected to grace the gallery in the future. LICEA is also launching a nonprofit to help fund environmental education programs and a library for children and adults.

"We are just starting, and we know it will be a lot of work, but there is so much interest already," says Hannaford. "And that is giving us the fuel we need to push forward."

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Checking in on Hamptons Summer 2021 Artists-in-Residence

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Being selected as an artist-in residence at one of the East End's cultural institutions is a great honor any time of year, but getting selected in the height of the Hamptons season is a special kind of honor. Discover what the East End's artists-in-residence are working on this summer.

At Elaine de Kooning House in East Hampton, German-born artist Josephine Meckseper has been hard at work expanding her large-scale assemblages, spray-paint works, short films and a diary of the studio since May and will continue to develop her diverse projects through August. These projects were birthed during the pandemic, when she began recycling various objects and film props lying around her studio, spray-painting their silhouettes on drop cloth and denim fabric and recording the process on film.

"I had known about Josephine's work and been a fan, and a friend, Edsel Williams, introduced me to Josephine early in the year," says Elaine de Kooning House owner Chris Byrne. "We don't have an application or anything, we just work through recommendation, knowing people and their work and meeting them. We take a very personal since it's Elaine de Kooning house with the attached studio, so it's a little bit different with more of a domestic feel."

"Growing up in the artist community of Worpswede in Northern Germany, I remember the distinct smell of oil, turpentine and cigarettes in my father's studio," Meckseper recalls. "Similar to the Elaine de Kooning House, his studio was surrounded by trees and plants that touched the glass of the skylights in the wind. One hundred miles from New York, Elaine clearly put a lot of thought and consideration into the design of her studio. The north light bouncing off the originally pale apricot colored floor paint inspired by

Willem de Kooning's paintings, and the vaulted ceiling create a sense of being inside the belly of a ship. Silhouettes of switch cane and porcelain from Elaine's house make their way into my new works, floating transparently like the glass in my vitrine works. I sense her spirit late at night when I have my most creative moments."

A cocktail reception is being planned for later this summer. Visit elainedekooninghouse.org for more information.

Over at Guild Hall in East Hampton, the Community Artist-in-Residence program is underway. This new summer residency program started last year during the pandemic as a response to the Guild House Artist-in-Residence program that invites national and international artists to the museum int the early spring and late fall. The summer 2021 artist selections are Scott Bluedorn, Andrina Wekontash Smith and an artist collective with Brenna Leaver, Devon Leaver and Julian Alvarez. They will be working with Guild Hall's Learning and Public Engagement staff to realize and produce socially engaged work throughout the residency.

"We were specifically looking for artists who are practicing and are interested in socially engaged participatory art," says Anthony Madonna, Guild Hall's Patti Kenner Senior Associate for Learning and Public Engagement. "Scott Bluedorn, the Apex Ape collective and Andrina Wekontash Smith—through their work they're all either questioning or revisiting the history of our area or really provoking us to examine different interactions we have."

East Hampton artist **Scott Bluedorn**'s residency project focuses on the history, practice and revitalization of the Tile Club, a group of late 19th-century artists including Winslow Homer, William Merritt Chase and Stanford White who met and painted on decorative tiles, often en plein air, on

the East End. Throughout the summer, Bluedorn will guide several open studio workshops (June 19, July 17 and August 21) and plein air painting sessions (June 30, July 28 and August 25) in which participants will work on ceramic tiles, one of which participants will be asked to donate for a public exhibition in the fall. A talk will be given during the exhibition to discuss the historic significance of this artist group and highlight the Guild Hall Permanent Collection Tile Club Doors as well as the tiles created by the community during this residency project.

"I'm excited to work outside with the community through a series of workshops that will involve history, landscape and self-expression," Bluedorn says.

During her residency, Shinnecock storyteller-writer-director-performer Andrina Wekontash Smith will collaborate on an installation piece with the Guild Hall Teen Arts Council titled "Racial Undertones: An Exploration of Race on the East End," which will develop from the explorations they have as a group. Students will explore their experience, awareness or ignorance of race and racism on the East End by utilizing prompts, readings and open dialogues as a jumping off point.

"The landscape of the Hamptons has shifted rapidly. The diversity of my youth that once existed is no longer," Smith shares. "This project intends on acknowledging the legacy of racism on the East End and its frequent proliferation within our communities. My work has frequently centered itself around the dynamics of race and class in the Hamptons. This collaboration offers a unique chance for artists to dive into their racial experiences while documenting the very real and present underbelly of racial trauma that the East End frequently ignores."

The collective of **Brenna Leaver**, **Devon Leaver** and **Julian Alavarez** will be working on a new film project

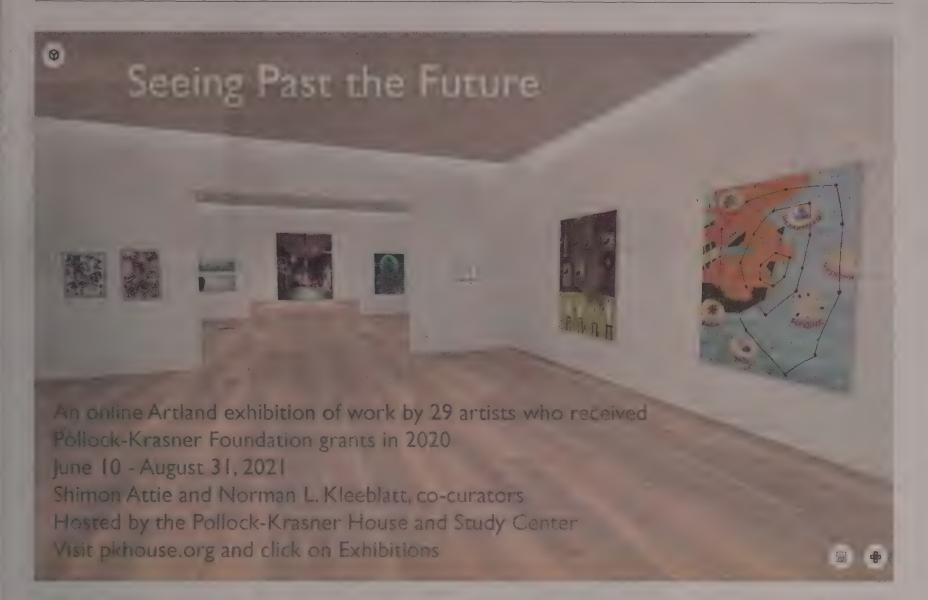


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called Apex Ape. Inspired by the Apex Department Store in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, which welcomed the masses from 1969 until its closure in 2021, Apex Ape features documentary interviews and dramatic footage of an alleged 1986 sighting of an albino ape scaling the building, as well as his ultimate fate when the building is finally demolished. To develop the content, characters and screenplay, the collective will be hosting several community roundtables with East End residents regarding the changing face of the Hamptons, the death of mom-and-pop shops, the transformation of East Hampton's store fronts, local legends and the future of the East End community. The film will be produced in partnership with LTV and be screened at an off-site location toward the end of August.

"Our collective is focused on filming creature-centric stories that explore macroscopic ideas through fantastical design," Devon Leaver explains. "Our most recent endeavor, Apex Ape, is an original creature and film created through the Guild Hall Community Artist Residency that will explore the death of brick and mortar, and the changing nature of consumerism through the lens of dead-malls and local legend. The pandemic has changed the American image, shuttering stores and emptying streets. It is our goal to blend fantasy with reality through the creation of our new ape character and explore how the inability to adapt to a changing environment inevitably leaves stragglers in the lurch."

To learn more about Guild Hall's artist-in-residence programs, visit quildhall.org.





OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

LIVE SHOWS

SUN RIVER HEALTH CHARITY WINE TASTING

FRIDAY, JUNE 11.

Partake in a very special evening at Claudio's beautifully renovated restaurant and test your Long Island wine tasting knowledge. Proceeds from this event will support the Sun River Health Agricultural Workers' Health Fund. Tickets are \$100.

111 Main Street, Greenport. sunriver. org/foundation/events

ART AND CINEMA: CONVERSATION WITH ALEXIS ROCKMAN & CARTER BURWELL

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 7 P.M.

Enjoy a lively conversation on the links and inspirations between all artistic media and the culmination of such into cinematic presentation, featuring visual artist Alexis Rockman and sound artist Carter Burwell, moderated by Guild Hall Executive Director Andrea Grover.

158 Main Street, East Hampton. guildhall.org

MIKE MAZ AND FRIENDS IN CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 7 P.M. With over 15 years as the head sound engineer at Find more The Stephan Talkhouse, in addition to working events online at with some of the most DansPapers.com/ recognized names in **Events** the music industry, Mike Maz has sat in and performed with many local artists and has been a regular performer with bands such as Booga Sugar and Winston Irie. Now, stepping out from behind the scenes, with his first all-original band, Maz is joined with Bopa King Carre on drums and Joe Sac on bass, bringing a sound that ranges from laid-back acoustic vibes mixed with edgy rock, soulful blues and a deep reggae influence. Tickets

161 Main Street, Amagansett. stephentalkhouse.com

AUTHOR EVENT: DAN RATTINER, HAMPTONS PRIVATE

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 6 P.M.

Join Dan's Papers founder Dan Rattiner for a reading of his latest book Hamptons Private at Sag Harbor Books. The large coffee table book, published by Assouline, features over 200 glossy images of the Hamptons



NORTH FORK COMMUNITY THEATRE

and text by Dan covering the history, people and places that make the Hamptons "The Hamptons." Following the short reading, Dan will host an audience Q&A and sign copies of the book.

7 Main Street, Sag Harbor. sagharborbooks.com

UNDINE SCREENINGS

JUNE 15 & 16, 7:30 P.M.

Christian Petzold boldly reimagines the ancient myth of Undine in this suspenseful tale of romance

and betrayal in modern day

Berlin. Undine works as a historian lecturing on Berlin's urban development, but when the man she loves leaves her, the myth catches up with her. See the tale unfold at Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center.

76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-1500, whbpac.org

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

SYLVESTER MANOR FARM TOURS

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 9 A.M. & 11 A.M. Embark on one of two Sylvester Manor Educational Farm tours with one of the farmers, as you walk through the fields and pastures to learn how the farm grows vegetables, produces compost and raises livestock.

21 Manwaring Road, Shelter Island. sylvestermanor.org

LVIS SILENT AUCTION & MINI-FAIR

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
The annual LVIS silent auction is an

online event this year, with virtual bidding running until the in-person fair on Saturday. There are lots of great prizes to win—golfing at private clubs, food, wine, travel, resorts and more. Food will be provided by the Harbor Bistro Mobile Kitchen.

95 Main Street, East Hampton. lvis.org

NFCT BUILDING ON TRADITION GALA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2 P.M. & 6 P.M. The theme of the North Fork Community Theatre's 13th annual Building on Tradition Gala is "concert by the bay" and will take place at Veterans Park, located at the corner of Peconic Bay Boulevard and Bay Avenue in Mattituck. Patrons can choose to attend either the 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. seating. Tickets are \$100-\$150.

Veterans Park, Mattituck. nfct.com

LAZY POINT AND NAPEAGUE BIKE RIDE & TOUR

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 10 A.M.

Join naturalist Mike Bottini at the fish factory on Cranberry Hole Road to talk about the formation of the Amagansett Walking Dunes and the history of the fish factory. He will talk about the blooming orchids and the insectivorous just off the road. Then join Nancy Brody on a 20-mile bike ride. Meet at Amagansett Library.

215 Main Street, Amagansett. 646-263-8560, brody.nancy17@gmail. com, ehtps.org

MONTAUK BLESSING OF THE

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 5 P.M.

Standing aboard a Viking fleet vessel, the clergy will bless the boats as they pass town dock. They will then gather at the Harbor Buoy for the laying of the Remembrance Wreaths. The National Anthem will be sung by Renee Akkalam and taps will be by David DaSilva. *Montauk. montaukchamber.com*

VIRTUAL EVENTS

REBECCA NELSON RECITAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 7:30 P.M.

Rebecca Nelson brings her newly composed works to the Twin Forks Musicivic's virtual Musicast stage. She'll be singing and performing on violin, viola and guitar, while accompanied by a talented roster of musicians. Registration is free but required. twinforksmusicivic.org

AUTHOR EVENT: DON LEMON, THIS IS THE FIRE

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 10 A.M.

The Social Justice Committee of Temple Adas Israel, in partnership with The Church, welcomes Sag Harbor resident Don Lemon, host of CNN's Don Lemon Tonight for a virtual book event in celebration of his new book, This Is the Fire: What I Say to My Friends About Racism. Join in a discussion moderated by local historian Dr. Georgette Grier-Key, the executive director of the Eastville Community Historical Society. Signed books can be ordered by calling Canio's Books.

631-725-4926, caniosbooks@verizon. net, sagharborchurch.org

COOKING WITH CRAIG LIVE COOKING DEMO

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 6:30 P.M.

Welcome back Chef Craig and the Block Island Seafood Company for a salute to Old Glory on Flag Day. Craig will demonstrate how to make roasted red beet salad, linguine with white clam sauce and a blueberry crisp live from his home on the Hampton Bays Public Library's Facebook page. hamptonbayslibrary.org.

NATURE'S BEST HOPE: CONVERSATION WITH DOUG TALLAMY

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 7 P.M.

Recent headlines about global insect declines and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain us. Doug Tallamy will discuss simple steps that each of us can take to reverse declining biodiversity and will explain why we are nature's best

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AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUND ON LONG ISLAND

hope. Zoom registration is free but required.

quoguewildliferefuge.org

THE ARTIST'S VIEW: CONTRASTING EXPRESSIONS OF NATURE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 6 P.M.

Long Island's natural environment has been the muse for countless artists who created beautiful art inspired by the land and sea. That inspiration continues today with many local artists who use a variety of diverse methods and natural materials to create their work. Join Peconic Land Trust for this moderated panel featuring Scott Bluedorn, Anne Sherwood Pundyk and Cindy Pease Roe to learn more about how the beauty of Long Island's environment informs and inspires their creativity. The moderator is Kathryn Szoka, local photographer and coowner of Canio's Books. Zoom registration is free but required. peconiclandtrust.org

FAMILY FUN

A SEA OF SOUND & THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MUSIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, NOON.

Gian Carlo is excited to visit Project MOST to sing and play music with all children who like to listen! Toddlers and their caregiver will explore high sounds, low sounds, quick cords, long notes, quiet songs and loud songs. Registration is \$25 per family.

92 Three Mile Harbor Road, East Hampton. 31-655-4586, projectmost.org

CHASING EAGLES WITH FRANK

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 10 A.M.

The American bald eagle has returned to the South Fork to nest once again!

Since 2007, eight bald eagle nesting sites have been documented on Long Island. Join South Fork Natural History Museum Executive Director Frank Quevedo on a visit to an active nesting site. Registration is \$10.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, info@sofo.org, sofo.org

STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER DRIVE-IN

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 8 P.M.

Get your ticket to watch the final film in the trio of *Star Wars* trilogies, *Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker*, on The Gateway's massive drive-in movie screen and prepare for a night full of nostalgia. Tickets are \$40 per car. 215 South Country Road, Bellport. thegateway.org

FAMILY POWERHOUSE PILATES

MONDAYS THROUGH JUNE 28,

10 A.M.

Families are invited to join instructor Leisa DeCarlo to learn the the basics of Pilates through a series of exercises designed to work all major muscle groups. Pilates focuses on strengthening and lengthening as well as alignment and coordination. Zoom registration is free but required. quoquelibrary.org

LIU SCHOLARS ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 4-5:30 P.M.

The Scholars Academy of Long Island University is a nonprofit university-level enrichment program dedicated to identifying and developing the talents of academically advanced students ages 4–10 on the East End. Academy classes begin July 12. Find out more at this week's open house at the Greek Orthodox Church.

111 St. Andrews Road, Southampton. liu.edu/scholarsacademy

ART EXHIBITIONS

SPRING INTO COLLECTING ART RECEPTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 5-8 P.M.

Presented in Alex Ferrone Gallery's Spring into Collecting exhibition is an eclectic selection of works from local, regional, national and international artists working in various styles and media that will inspire you to embrace seasonal changes for your art collection. Create a new atmosphere and conversation in your home or office. Meet the artists on the gallery grounds at this weekend's reception.

25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-8545, alexferronegallery.com

HAMPTONS ART MURAL COMPETITION

JUNE 12 & 13, NOON.

The Clubhouse Hamptons, in collaboration with the White Room Gallery and Rich Mothes, presents the Hamptons' first annual art mural competition. Murals will be painted by artists on fencing in the outdoor seating area of the Clubhouse, including a variety of talents in graffiti, pop art, photorealism, abstract and more. The outside area is open to the public for dining, cocktails, live music and viewing from noon to sunset. Jurors include Eric Fischl, Andrea McCafferty, Kat O' Neill, Matt Rubenstein, Rich Mothes and Matt Classens, and winners will be announced on Sunday at 8 p.m.

174 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton. clubhousehamptons.com

10 YEARS EXHIBITION

ON VIEW THROUGH JUNE 21.

What started as a simple conversation led to a decade of Halsey McKay Gallery programming including 176 exhibitions, 30 art fairs and 16 off-site projects, featuring over 270 artists. *Ten Years*, marks this occasion. While not encyclopedic, the show celebrates 89 artists who have been a part of our community for the last decade. 79 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-604-5770, halseymckay.com

SCRATCHING (SCULPTING, STITCHING AND STAINING) THE SURFACE

ON VIEW THROUGH JUNE 30.

Textures—and the diverse techniques employed to achieve them-define this season's abstract offerings at Ric Michel Fine Art (RMFA) Southampton. Sculpted oils by Jeffrey Terreson and Erin Loree, prodded encaustics by Lynn Basa and poured resins by Lola produce very different topographies, as do the found object grafts of Stanley Boxer and Gregory Hengesbaugh. Building upon a substrate of stitched burlap sacks in "The Fishermen of Pearl River," Eduardo Terranova combines hand-molded plaster, metallic plating and crushed pearls to create myriad lusters and textures within a single painting.

46 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 212-710-1048, ricmichelfineart.com

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE GARDEN: WHIMSY

NOW ON VIEW.

Whimsy, an outdoor sculpture garden curated by Eric Fischl, has opened to the public, featuring works from artists including Alice Aycock, Louise Bourgeois, Hans Van de Bovenkamp, Mel Kendrick, Larry Rivers, David Salle, Almond Zigmund and others. This public art exhibition is free and open daily.

25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967, southamptonartscenter.org



LOUISE BOURGEOIS'S WORKS FOR "WHIMSY" AT SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTER





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FOOD BRINK

Raphael Winery:

Past, Present, Future



RAPHAEL WINERY

BY DAVID TAYLOR

he East End is still home to many family businesses that have stood the test of time, pandemic and online shopping, and one especially shining example among them is Raphael Winery, part of a family of businesses owned and operated by the Petrocelli clan-including Preston House & Hotel, Atlantis Banquets, Long Island Aquarium and J. Petrocelli Construc-

John and Joan Petrocelli in the early 1990s, Raphael gets its name from John's father, an oenophile and home winemaker. After purchasing 50 acres of farmland and agreeing to permanently preserve 40 acres as such, the Italian monastery-esque winery was built on the remaining 10 acres while the soil was allowed to rest after the previous owner had rented it out for the growing of potatoes and other veg-

"It gave us time to research and Founded by general contractors find people to help us create what we

wanted to do," says Raphael Wine Club Manager, Special Events Coordinator and daughter of the founders Julie Petrocelli Vergari. "We worked with Steve Mudd's father, David, and Steve as well, and we decided that, because of our terroir, we wanted to go with a Bordeaux-style farming plan."

Red varietals chosen included merlot, cabernet franc, petit Verdot, malbec and cabernet sauvignon, and white varietals included sauvignon blanc and Riesling. The initial planting took place in 1996 with two-year-old vines purchased from a nursery upstate. Located in Peconic, the winery's original winemaker Richard Olsen-Harbich helped the family connect with Paul Pontallier from Chateau Margaux in France to consult and help design the winemaking area. The winery design, starting 12 feet underground, utilizes gravity flow and natural temperature regulation for maximum energy effi-

By 2006, the Petrocelli family had purchased an additional 20 acres from a neighboring farm and planted their

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first pinot noir. This sizeable addition made the winery team's commitment to nurturing and picking grapes by hand an even greater labor of love.

"Where does the wine grow? We want it to grow in a happy place and create nice fruit for us," Petrocelli Vergari says. "We get the most out of the vineyard as we can, but we also drop some fruit during certain times of the year if it's too much on the plant. We don't want to overstress the plant—we'd rather get more quality than quantity."

In 2012, popular East End vintner Anthony Nappa took the reins of Raphael's wine production after Olsen-Harbich left, though John Petrocelli initially had slight reservations about the hiring decision. "When Rich decided to leave, Anthony had interviewed for the job, and my father, a stern Italian, was a little upset because he knew that Anthony had his own label," Petrocelli Vergari explains. "But we liked the fact that he's a businessman himself and knows that we have to make money at the end of the day. We're really lucky to have him, plus his [label's] wines are totally different than our wines."

By 2016, the team realized they had an overabundance of merlot and, at Nappa's request, grafted clippings of Steve Mudd's pinot grigio onto six acres of merlot. The young plants are expected to begin producing the new varietal by 2026.

Throughout Raphael's history, many Petrocelli family members have contributed to the thriving business—including Petrocelli Vergari's children, her sister JoAnn, nephew Jerome, nieces Jill and Jennifer and Diandra Petrocelli-Schultz. "We all work together, all listen to each other and all respect each other," Petrocelli Vergari says of the winemaking and management teams.

"I like a family member here when we're open. I have great staff and a great team, but I do feel it's nice for people to see a family member here every time when we're open," Petrocelli Vergari says. "I've pretty much been involved since day one, because my husband (General Manager Joseph Vergari) is a chef, and I'm a wedding planner, so my father was like, 'Oh, you can do events here!"

While her father and mother, now 90 and 88, founded the winery, they "never really had anything to do with" the day-to-day management and winemaking. "My parents drink Johnnie Walker Black—they're scotch drinkers," she jokes.

The lineup of recently released wines is as enticing as can be, though it comes after a time of great chal-



RAPHAEL'S JULIE PETROCELLI VERGARI AND JOSEPH VERGARI

lenge on Long Island. "The last couple of years have been pretty challenging for the region—the 2017, '18, '19—but the 2020 is going to be phenomenal, so we're really excited about the 2020 vintage," Petrocelli Vergari shares. "We did an estate malbec with the 2017 vintage; that's a new release for us that's so delicious. I did a tasting the other day, and it's got blueberry, blackberry, such great flavor to it. Our 2020 vintage has just been released, and that's the cab blanc, pinot grigio

and rosé of pinot noir. Those are our three new white releases, and they're just so delicious and a little different. That's the beauty of our region, it's not going to be the same every vintage; there's always going be a slight little nuance that's going to change the flavors or the profile."

Those who visited Raphael during the pandemic may find some of the new procedures still in place, as many of these changes created benefits beyond the realm of health. "We do like the seated tasting," she says. "It's been nice to have people sit and enjoy the flight. And we kind of like the reservation thing, because you can manage what we have. Staff is an issue, so we're better able to control that. (With the old way) you can pack the people in, but can you take care of them?"

Looking forward, Raphael hopes to restart winery tours, host private events year-round and bring back the winter cabin fever series. The team is also striving to add more club members and educate them on the fascinating winemaking process. "Our wine club is so supportive of us," says Petrocelli Vergari. "They come in and they feel like they're coming home—that's the point that we want to make, so that our visitors come back."

Petrocelli Vergari's influence in the Long Island wine scene stretches beyhonf Raphael, however, as she is on the board of the Long Island Wine Council and is working with her fellow members to "rebrand the whole wine region." She continues," We're working on doing regional events with Stony Brook University, and that's hopefully going to be happening this fall, maybe November. We're also working on a [program] where if restaurants carry like at least 50% of Long Island wines, they get a special medallion on their wine list and free access to Long Island Wine's website. In 2023, it'll be 50 years that we've been making wine in the region, so we're getting ready for a big anniversary."

Raphael Winery is located at 39390 NY-25, Peconic. To learn more, call 631-765-1100 or visit raphaelwine. com.



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DANS LUSTRY FORD & DOWN

Disset Chocolate, Cutchogue Dining & More

BY HARRY POWERS

AMERICAN DESCRIPTION AND PARTY AND P

Chef Ursula XVII is a passionate chocolatier who has trained with world-renowned pastry chefs while working at several Michelin-starred restaurants and shops in Europe and the United States. A New York City native with family roots in Catalonia, Ursula spent most of her summers in Barcelona, where she embarked on any baking project she could find. After college, she decided to pursue formal training as a pastry chef.

While attending The French Pastry School in Chicago, Ursula staged at Blackbird restaurant. Upon graduating in 2012, she returned to New York City for an externship at Per Se, making petit fours, bonbons, caramels, pate de fruits and macarons. Her first professional position was at Michael White's Michelin starred Ai Fiori, where she spent five years working with pastry chef Alina Martell, mastering presentation and creating plated desserts, including ice creams and sorbets. After various stages, including at The Modern, Grace and No-Mad, Ursula continued her training in Europe under chefs Albert Adria, Oriol Balaguer, and Jordi Fer-

rer, honing her gastronomic

techniques and delving

deep into chocolate.

Her inspiration to use fresh, local ingredients, extracts and essences came while heading the pastry team at the fine dining farm to table restaurant Ca L'Enric in Spain's Catalonia region. In 2017, she returned to the U.S. and headed to the Hudson Valley's famed Mohonk Mountain House. As assistant pastry chef, she was involved in the resort's multimillion dollar renovation, spearheading recipe development, kitchen design and implementing a new bread and chocolate program. Soon after, the farms and waters of the North Fork beckoned, and Ursula found herself knocking on the door of the North Fork Table & Inn, working with chef Claudia Fleming, who encouraged her to start her own line of chocolates. Ursula launched Disset Chocolate in November 2020. Disset means "17" in Catalan, Ursula's native language, and XVII (Seventeen) is her second name. (And because we know you're wondering, the number is associated with significant family dates, from birthdays to weddings, and is a favorite of her economist father).



CHEF URSULA XVII

What else is happening in Cutchogue besides **Disset Chocolate**? The cozy **Red Rooster Bistro** is serving up traditional French and American cuisine with a touch of Bulgarian right in the middle of the North Fork Wine Country. Chef Nick Nikolov gives his clients plenty of variety when dining at the country kitchen, escargot a la bourguignon and boeuf bourguignon anyone?

Glide your taste buds to **Touch of Venice**. The innovative Italian eatery prides itself on using the best
locally sourced ingredients
and select products imported

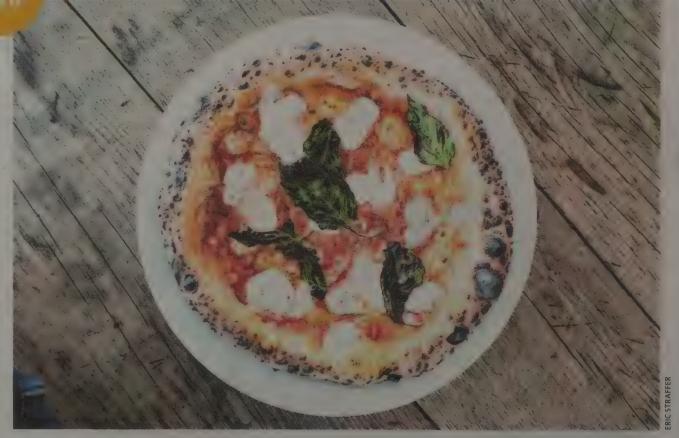
straight from Italy. Bite into savory eggplant Sorrentino, fried calamari salad and tuna puttanesca. If you're looking to dine at home checkout their Italian dinner for four that includes antipasti, baked penne, meatballs, sausage and pork ribs, eggplant rollatini and Italian cheesecake platter, guaranteed to leave you and the family in a heavenly food coma.

Baklava, shwarma, and gyros are just some of the delicious eats you'll be able to find at **3Greeks Grill**. The Greek restaurant offers limited seating but awesome takeout options for you to enjoy with your family and

friends at home. Family packages include chicken and pork skewers, tzatziki spread and pita, rice or French fries and Greek salad. You can also order from the specialty family packages of moussaka, galaktoboureko and pastitsio. Kali orexi! The Cutchogue Diner is serving homecooked meals in their original 1941 Kullman diner, making you feel like you traveled back in time when visiting. The welcoming North Fork landmark has all the comfort food you can imagine, milkshakes, floats, burgers and hot and cold sandwiches are just a few of the goods you can sink your teeth into. If you're dining on a budget their lunch specials are a steal.

New in Southampton: Wishbone Farms, a "market to fridge" gourmet shop which offers a curated selection of local products and prepared foods. There's a coffee bar with baked goods and a nice backyard—it's right on Hampton Road close to Citarella.

East Hampton's Highway Restaurant & Bar will be offering guests unique at-home catering options this summer, including the Autostrada pizza oven, for ideal backyard events. Back by popular demand, guests can watch Highway's private chef as he creates made-to-order Neapolitan pizzas such as the Classic Margarita (tomato sauce, mozzarella, basil) and Dolce Inferno (spicy sopressata, cal-



A TASTY DISH FROM HIGHWAY RESTAURANT AND BAR IN EAST HAMPTON.

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abrian chili pepper, honey) and woodfired dishes such as whole roasted fish and oven-roasted chicken.

The 1770 House in East Hampton now offers an \$85 three-course prix fixe dinner special. Look for seared scallops; a roasted salmon, and braised rabbit leg. The restaurant is also offering shared dishes which include a half-ounce of Regiis Ova caviar for \$60, burrata with summer truffles, and oysters on the half shell—\$22 for a half dozen and \$38 for a dozen. Chef Mike Rozzi remains at the helm.

Navy Beach will celebrate Father's Day all weekend Friday, June 18-20 with a family style Surf + Turf special. The special prix fixe menu will be available during lunch and dinner throughout the weekend. The Surf + Turf menu is only available for a minimum of four guests and the entire table must order the special menu. A selection of the special menu items will be available a la carte and the regular menu will also be available. The cost of the special menu is \$98 per person plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are required for both lunch and dinner

and are available at 631-668-6868. A percentage of each Surf + Turf special sales will be donated to the Navy Seal Foundation.

Welcome to Montauk Hello Coco, a new restaurant and bar at the Breakers motel on Old Montauk Highway which offers a Hawaiian-themed menu and outdoor dining. How authentic is it? They have spam fried rice on the menu. Aloha!

Did You Know That: The signature zebra wallpaper at **Almond** in Bridge-hamptonwas inspired by eponymous Italian restaurant in Manhattan, Gino, which opened in 1945 and ended its 65-year tenure in 2010?

Fun Food Facts: Russia only classified beer as alcohol in 2011 ... mushrooms can't be overcooked ... the number of hot dogs eaten on the Fourth of July could stretch from Washington, D.C. to L.A. five times over!

Quote of the Week: "People who love to eat are always the best people." ~Julia Child

Got a restaurant news item or tip? Email us at dansfoodseen@gmail. com!



ALMOND'S ZEBRA WALLPAPER. ERIC STRIFFLER

Recipe:

Disset Chocolate's "Anything But" Cookies



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"ANYTHING BUT" COOKIES RECIPE

From Ursula XVII, Disset Chocolate

The idea for these cookies came about because we wanted to reduce food waste. At Disset, we take whatever broken or imperfect bonbons we have on hand, chop them up and use them as chocolate chips for the cookies. That's how they got their name, they're "Anything but the kitchen sink!" At home you can use any leftover chocolate, candy bars, or chocolate chips.

- 1 cup butter, room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 3/4 c flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1 3/4 c "Bonbon" chips (Use any

type of chocolate chips, leftover chocolate or candy bars. Simply freeze and chop them up.)

Maldon salt

DIRECTIONS:

Cream the butter and sugar together until soft. Add the egg and vanilla extract and mix until well combined. Mix and sift the dry ingredients together, and add them to the mixture in thirds. When the dough is formed, stir in the chips.

Roll out the dough into a log about 16" long. Wrap in plastic and freeze for several hours, until dough can be sliced easily.

Preheat the oven to 375°. Slice the dough into 1" rounds and place on cookie sheet. Add just a small pinch of Maldon salt to each cookie. Bake for about 10 minutes, or until edges begin to brown.

Note: the dough can be frozen for up to six months.







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First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Fresh, local, seasonal.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

A simple fried chicken cutlet—thin, crisp and seasoned well—not only is it delicious, out of all the things I cook, it is the most requested.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

To always remember that what you do affects the people around you.

Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?

Amy Bouchard, president and founder of Wicked Whoopies, is a constant reminder that life is what you make of it and when there

is something you want to achieve, there is no limit on what you are capable of because you can do anything you put yourself into.

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

Besides flora? Sustainable food

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the

world of food, wine and work?

Spending time with my son, aerial voga, Sundays with friends.

What's your comfort food and why?

Pad Kee Mao aka drunken noodles.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

Agriculture and growing. I would love to operate a food co-op where I would grow everything and raise animals to use for food sources (bees for honey, chickens for eggs, goats for cheese and so on) where people can enjoy local fresh products grown right in their own backyard.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

King Crab wrapped in avocado over grilled Japanese eggplant with a saffron miso sauce. A good friend and amazing chef at Taiko 360, Danny Gao, made this for me one night after a long day of work, and it has been a dish that I cannot forget.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I feel blessed to be able to work in an environment that has helped me grow—not only molding me into the professional I am today but giving me the opportunity to do what I love each and every day.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

How large and small it feels at the same time. Our East End guests have been welcoming and supportive, we can't thank them enough for embracing flora's opening during the pandemic.

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Pew delicacies scream "summer seafood" better than lobster, and Edward McFarland of Ed's Lobster Bar in Sag Harbor is bringing the goods this summer. Taste the flavor of summer at Dan's Rosé Soirée on Saturday, July 24.

First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Lobster Rolls!

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

From my heart.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

Auguste Escoffier: No explanation needed; he is the "king of chefs and chef of kings." Mr. Deeds: He brings the fun. Napoléon Bonaparte: To find out where he grew all of his own personal inspiration from.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

My favorite dish to prepare is anything outside on the grill. Nothing says summertime to me and is more enjoyable than being outside in front of the grill and enjoying a cold beer while I'm doing it.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

"Positive mindset brings positive results."

Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.

During one of my first jobs as a line cook, the gas safety valve spring popped out right as service was starting. The owner had one of the employees holding the valve in until the conDan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

Edward McFarland, Ed's Lobster Bar

tractor came to fix it.

Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?

Currently, Bobby Flay because he is the perfect example of how putting in the effort produces the results.

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

Ed's Summer Garden!

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

Playing hockey, coaching my son's hockey team, spending time with my family and raising my chickens.

What's your comfort food and why?

Pizza, because to me, there is nothing better to eat on any given day.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

There was no plan B.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

The pigeon at Moulin de Mougins.

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

Unfortunately, I have not done much traveling recently due to the pandemic.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

The longevity of my staff in New York City in an industry with such high turnover. Some of my staff have been with me for almost the full 14 years since opening.

What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?

Being disruptive and playful to ease the tension of a tough busy service.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

I am often surprised by the robust off-season.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

I am not a karaoke person but I love to blast EDM music in my Jeep Wrangler.

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?

I'm having pizza and lobster ravioli with premier cru from Burgundy.

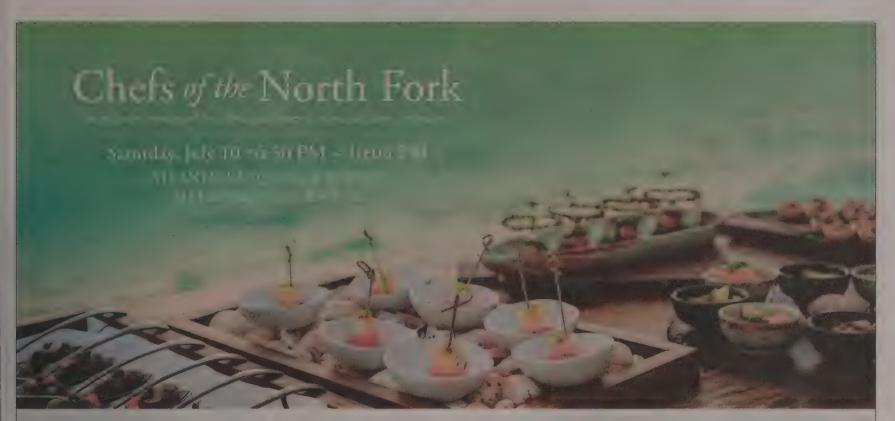
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Here's to the best summer we've ever had in the Hamptons. I already know that I'll be raising another glass at the end of the summer to the success that the 2021 season brought. Now chin-chin!

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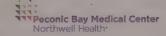














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SPIRO KARACHOPAN

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First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Rosé and Hamptons.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

Always remember my mom cooking in my village for weddings in Greece—how people were getting excited and enjoying the food. Those memories still inspire me, and I love being in my kitchen every day.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

Would be my mom and my dad. Meal is my mom's lamb shank with orzo.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

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I love cooking whole fish, specially if it's fresh caught locally. I enjoy fishing, cleaning, cooking and eating it. I think I can eat fish every day.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

I've been told, "Always be ready for rainy days. You'll have really hard days in your business." Can't tell how true it was and still is. Look what CO-VID-19 did to our industry.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

Fishing and gardening. Makes me forget about anything else.

What's your comfort food and why?

Fresh bread, feta cheese and olives.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

Architecture. I design my houses and and my restaurants. I really enjoy it.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

My mom's rice with chickpeas made with duck fat.

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

Recent travels? I can't wait to be able to travel safely again.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I came to States with \$37 in my pocket, worked hard every single day and opened my first restaurant in 1978.

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?

Shepherd salad, whole sea bass, ice cream. Glass of cabernet and metaxa as a night cap.

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Cheers to making it through the hardest year for the world and to a happy, healthy, fun, maskless summer.

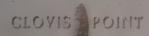
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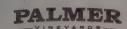












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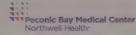








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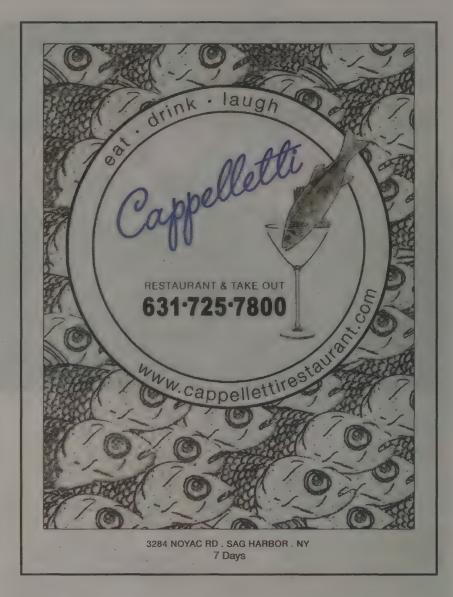


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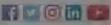
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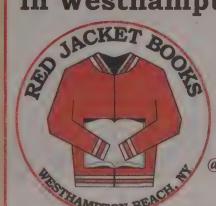
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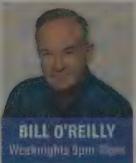
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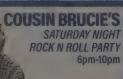
















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Hidden Spiritual Places to Explore





Father Constantine Lazarakis

Be still and know that I am the
Lord. Psalm 46:10

Wow! This summer is just about the busiest I've seen in all my years. Manhattan lies just 100 miles to the west—the city that never sleeps. We all keep a phone in our pocket that contains more information than the world's most storied libraries, constantly buzzing and pinging. As wonderous as all of

this is, it gets to be too much. With all the motion, we forget where we are going. With all the excitement, we forget what it is all about. With the constant barrage of information, knowledge and wisdom evade us. That is why God, among His Ten Commandments, tells us to take a day of rest—a day that belongs to Him, a day set aside for the sacred.

In addition to needing time to reconnect with God, to attune ourselves to our spiritual consciousness, we need also to have sacred space—places that are conducive to the work of the heart, spaces that liberate us from the mundane and the overwhelming. What a tremendous blessing to be where we are! In addition to the numerous and profoundly beautiful houses of worship found on the East End, we also have nearly unfettered access to some of the best wild and open spaces in the Northeast. Our beaches, bluffs, ponds, and woods are the God's sanctuary, and when we encounter them in the right frame of mind, they serve as a much-needed counterbalance to the madness of contemporary life.

This summer let's make a point to nourish our souls. Let's get into and respect our wilderness. Let's allow the wonder and beauty to direct our hearts and minds, to open our consciousness to all that is good, all that is blessed, and all that is sacred.



Rabbi Josh Franklin

Where is it that you find sacred space? While the Israelites wander through the wilderness in the Book of Exodus, God commands them to "make mesanctuary so that I can dwell among them (Exodus 25:8)." Even today we fail to see what the Israelites missed at the time: God also dwells in the wilderness. The most spiritual of places aren't built but found in nature. In Hebrew, the word for "wilderness" is midbar, which also means the place of speaking. In other

words, the wilderness is the place where God speaks to us. There are places throughout the Hamptons that I go to be alone, and to hear the gentle whisper of God's voice. Here are my top three hidden spiritual places to visit in the Hamptons:

The bluffs at Cedar Point Park, East Hampton

Hike up the trails to the northern most point of Cedar Point Park in East Hampton and you'll walk along a stretch of bluffs atop a drop hundreds of feet to a pristine beach. The high perch offers a full panoramic view of Gardiner's Bay. I've sat uninterrupted for hours on these cliffs just gazing into the distance and listening to the orchestra of waves and wind.

The Walking Dunes, Napeague

The Walking Dunes in Napeague aren't like any other natural space I've been to in the Hamptons. Then again, they may not be like any other place on earth. A series of mammoth eighty-foot dunes constantly shift with the winds causing a diverse ecosystem of plant life to be simultaneously swallowed and revealed. Find a pew of sand on top a dune and observe one of the natural marvels of the Hamptons.

W. Scott Cameron Beach, Bridgehampton

I don't go to the beach to surf, swim, or get a nice tan. In fact, I don't spend much time at W. Scott Cameron Beach, but it is quite frequently the destination point for many of my bike rides. As I cruise down the Dune Rd peninsula, I look past the exquisite modern mansions that line both sides of the street and focus my attention instead on the ocean to my left, and Mecox Bay to my right. I am calmed by the beauty of the water here, always finding an extra level of meditative stillness by the time I reach W. Scott Cameron Beach.

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A PERFECT DAY IN THE HAMPTONS

I moved to Sag Harbor in 1992 to get a bit of a life beyond my career and become the athletic girl I'd always wanted to be. Along with sports, my other passion is eating. My golfing and dining buddy, Jim, grew up in Sag Harbor and was a waiter for years at the American Hotel so he knows fine cuisine. This man orders food better than anyone I know.

I should add here that we're both a bit competitive.

We played a beautiful course on the North Fork and afterwards decided on a little restaurant Jim knew on Shelter Island. After the oysters, we pondered our next move over espresso and a rare grappa served only at this particular haunt.

"I used to play pool at a place near here," says Jim. "I wonder if it's still open."

"I love pool!" (My brother and I were a bit of a hustling team in our youth.) After I'd triumphed and won a few bucks, I asked, "Now what? I wish there were another sport we could do."

"There's always the Whale's Tale Mini-Golf," he said. "They're open late."

Jim is taller, stronger and younger than I am, and, well, a man, but other than that, we're even. Still, mini-golf is the great equalizer. This is a game that depends on finesse, control and the ability to hold back a giggle when aiming at a clown's mouth. I was born for this.

In short, it was harrowing. Jim pulled ahead, I pulled ahead, and so it went. The place was mainly populated with children who couldn't understand why two adults were betting on every hole and holding things up. We finished in a tie and Jim insisted on a sudden-death playoff.

"We can't keep going, Jim. People are getting pissed off."

"I'll have you in two."

We continued playing despite the increasingly irritated families around

"Jim, we really should stop. This is embarrassing."

"Where's your competitive spirit?"

I perform for a living and happily compete under pressure, but infuriated moms with golf clubs in their hands made me nervous.

Finally, I faced the tenth, a dogleg left with a windmill straight ahead. With the fog rolling in, the fake grass was damp, so I planned on a slow roll. I was confident. If I could tap the ball through the windmill on the right and bounce left, I might get a hole in one and end this.

"Mommy, what's wrong with those two people? I saw them already play once and now they're playing again." That was it. I flubbed the shot. I've never really forgiven myself. I'm usually cool, but now I realize that an angry mother with a weapon and a whining child is

my limit.

After years away, Jim returned to Sag Harbor for a visit and took me to

the American Hotel for a reunion dinner.

"You know Jim, someone asked me the other day to describe my fantasy

"You know Jim, someone asked me the other day to describe my fantasy of a perfect day. I told them I'd already lived my perfect day."

"Funny you should say that. I was just telling my wife about a perfect day, years ago. Do you remember the time we played golf on the North Fork, had those amazing oysters on Shelter Island, shot pool at some dive and finally had that killer competition at the Whale's Tale Mini-Golf?"

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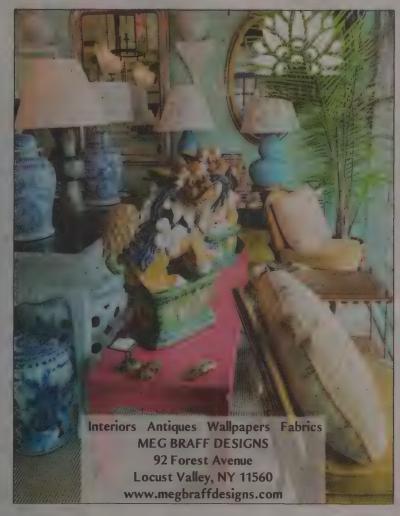




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Edie Windsor Healthcare Center

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

B ig things are happening out east in the world of healthcare for the LBGTO+ community.

When the Edie Windsor Healthcare Center (EWHC), formerly known as the David E. Rogers, M.D. Center in Southampton, officially reopens on June 11, it will not only have a new location in Hampton Bays, it will have an expanded facility and purpose: to serve as Long Island's first comprehensive LGBTQ+ Health Center.

That means that in addition to continuing to provide support and health and care management to people living with HIV/AIDS and HIV testing through The Rose Walton Services—a cornerstone of the facility since it opened in 1994—the center will now include primary care services and expanded mental health services for all members of the LGBTQ+ community.

"I'm very excited about it." says Judith Kasen-Windsor, widow of the late Edie Windsor, a Southampton resident and LGBTQ+ trailblazer who successfully paved the way for same-sex marriage in the United States. Windsor died suddenly in 2017 but her legacy lives on.

"When they (Stony Brook Southampton Hospital) came to me to ask if they could rename the David Rogers Center, the HIV center for the last 20-25 years, to the For more Edie Windsor Healthcare OUT Center, I was thrilled," **EAST END** Kasen-Windsor. "It's important to have visit things dedicated and DansPapers.com named after women. But in renaming it I wanted to expand the services to LGBTQ youth, elders, women, the transgender community and particularly expand the mental health

services—I want all of Long Island to

know these resources are there for



JIMMY MACK, JUDITH KASEN-WINDSOR, MICHAEL COLLINS (SITE ADMINISTRATOR, EWHC), ROBERT S. CHALONER, DR. ERIC LELLA

them—if a kid is struggling in coming out, there's a professional there to help them through that process."

Kasen-Windsor envisions the Center as a great connector of services to other LGBTQ+ organizations

such as PFLAG (LGBTQ+ and their parents), Callen Lorde (mental health services), SAGE (LG-BTQ+ elders) and the Hetrick-Martin Institute (LGBTQ+ youth).

"We can connect you with the resources in the city and with services that you can't even possibly imagine," says Kasen-Windsor who is "super excited" about a collaboration with a transgender resource center in Islip.

The mission of the Edie Windsor Healthcare Center is clear: "to provide accessible, compassionate, comprehensive, state of the art care to all members of the LGBTQ+ community and to people living with HIV infection."

But how do you provide targeted healthcare to a community that is often hidden or fearful about discussing their personal lives and medical and mental needs?

"We do know that the LGBTQ+ community utilizes healthcare less and has health risks that are higher than normal in other populations," says Robert S. Chaloner, Chief Administration Officer at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

As the expansion and relocation

plans developed between Stony Brook Medicine and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, which oversees the operations of the Edie Windsor Healthcare Center, it became clear: there was a lack of data to understand the size, age range and specific health care needs of the LGBTQ+ population, "a challenge that exists on both the local and national level," says Chaloner.

"We knew through quick, informal surveys there is a need for primary care and the need for expanded mental health care," says Chaloner, "but there was lack of specific data in our market...people may be hesitant to talk about personal issues and a large part of the population still isn't out of the closet. We wanted to respect their privacy but we still want to know their

Edie Windsor Healthcare CenterMoving to Hampton Bays in June 2021

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needs," he says.

Chaloner, who is "thrilled" about the new Edie Windsor Center, because it is "bigger, more modern and also gives us the ability to do more clinical services than the old space," framed the particular challenge of providing world class healthcare to an underserved community.

"Our commitment is to provide an environment where we take away the biases and barriers and open up access and make sure the right specialists are available," says Chaloner. That goal lead to a partnership with Stony Brook Medicine to administer a new survey: The first LGBTQ+ Community Health Needs Assessment Survey on Long Island—a landmark study that will seek vital data and shape the future of LGBTQ healthcare in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

In conjunction with more than 20 partners, including Suffolk County Department of Health, Women's Diversity Network and OLA of Eastern Long Island, the survey is part of an initiative "to provide the best health care possible and to make sure the right specialists are available depending on the needs of the population," says Chaloner.

"The LGBTQ+ Health Needs Assessment Survey is online, anonymous and open to all LGBTQ+ adults age 18 years and older, including those questioning their identity, and who currently reside in either Nassau or Suffolk counties," says Chaloner.

"Eligible respondents also include college, university and technical school students on Long Island who are 18 years or older, regardless of their permanent address."

The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and the link will be distributed by the partnership organizations during Pride Month through June 30. Respondents are encouraged to forward the survey link to eligible friends and colleagues.

Meanwhile, at the new Edie Windsor Healthcare Center, the staff and patients are buzzing about the changes and expansion.

Maureen Coley, a clinical social worker who has been with the Center for 20 years providing counseling, therapy and case management to help patient navigate insurance and "get access to the kind of comprehensive care in a system that can be very complicated," is excited about the new facility.

"It's fantastic," she says. "It's bigger, it's brighter it's a really nice location, more easily accessible and we are able to access other health services—

trans health, substance abuse, mental health. We have a very good team here. We are now open to primary care and offer comprehensive call—all in house."

The center's primary care is anchored around Dr. Eric Lella, the center's medical director and a board certified family medicine physician with specialization in neuromusculo-skeletal medicine

"We believe you should always start with a good primary care provider," says Chaloner, "that person becomes the coach for your health care."

Lella, an Osteopathic physician who focuses on treating the whole person as an interconnected unit (mind, body, spirit) along with Dr. Eric Sin, an infectious disease specialist, and Dr. Paul Garson, a psychiatrist, are the attending physicians. The center's longtime infectious disease physician's assistant is Jennifer Joly.

"We are an LGBTQ+ affirming practice," says Lella. "We offer primary care services for anyone in the LGBTQ+ population, but we also provide primary care services for patients who are allies or people not in that community—there is no reverse discrimination here. I have many OMT patients—some who have HIV but who aren't LGBTQ+, some who are straight and don't have HIV. We are an open practice for the community and for whoever wants to establish here."

A New Jersey native, Lella says he came out east for "the unique integrative residency program at Stony Brook Southampton hospital." Lella has been with his husband for 8 1/2 years—they married last year, and live in Hampton Bays.

Lella is particularly enthusiastic about the Center's new location.

"The benefits are that we have radiology services in this building and a number of different specialties and specialists, GI, allergist, cardiology, all under the Stony Brook Medicine roof.

He describes the staff of 10 as "absolutely wonderful — some of the coolest and nicest people I have gotten a chance to work with."

For Jimmy Mack, a Southampton resident and EMT volunteer who has been coming to the center since it opened and who tested positive for HIV in 1987 and has been living wit AIDS since 1997, the re-opening and new expansion is both personal and emotional.

"They have literally saved my life on a couple of occasions," says Mack. "The new place is bigger, better and beautifully located. I'm so excited about it. Everyone who works there is like family—that's how they treat you. I can't say enough good things. We are blessed to have them out here."

For Kasen-Windsor, the support of the center is crucial. To that end, she and Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman have established the Windsor Heart Project, a heart-shaped stone platform of interlocking smaller hearts on the lawn outside of Southampton Town Hall where many couples are married. Proceeds from purchasing a heart (where you can customize an inscription) directly benefit the Edie Windsor Healthcare Center.

June 20 will be proclaimed "Edie Windsor Day" in New York—a fitting tribute on Windsor's birthday.

"It's not just about Edie, it's about the LGBTQ+ community. Edie was a genius, she coded, she worked for IBM. She was fearful and in the closet for all those years; she was very low key until probably the late 1980s," says Kasen-Windsor.

At the new center, the goal is to open up the doors to expanded care, while respecting privacy.

"Sometimes people even on the East End of Long Island feel it's a small town and people want to know their confidentiality is being protected and that they can feel safe and comfortable where they are coming for care," says Coley. "We really try to stress that we are open and welcome and will help you and protect your privacy as well."

Chaloner says "we will always accept donations," but emphasizes "the importance of word of mouth early on" to support the Center.

"We want to see it grow and we like feedback," he adds. "Visibility is very important. In the next few weeks we encourage people to fill out the totally anonymous survey—the more data we have, the better we can plan for the future and work with our partner organizations to build better services."

The Edie Windsor Healthcare Center is located at 182 W. Montauk Hwy. Bldg. B, Suite D, Hampton Bays. 631-287-5990. For more info visit: stonybrookmedicine.edu/LGBTQ. For the LGBTQ+ Community Health Needs Assessment Survey on Long Island, visit stonybrookmedicine.edu/LGBTQ/survey.

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SUMMER CAMPS

Last-minute East End Summer Camp Picks



SUMMER CAMP IS STARTING SOON

S ummer officially arrives in a matter of days, which means there is little time left to spare when it comes to enrolling kids in summer camp. Here are five editor's picks for parents looking for local options.

FUTURE STARS

Of four locations offering an array of activities on Long Island, two Future Stars summer camps are located in the Hamptons. At the Westhampton Beach camp, kids ages 6-14 can take part in a premier tennis program that runs Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the Southampton location, campers can take up multi-sport to boxing to chess to Little Stars to tennis and more. Aspatuck Tennis Club, 36 Aspatuck Road, Westhampton Beach, 1370 Majors Path, Southampton, 631-287-6707, fscamps.com

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All The World's A Stage at Camp Shakespeare



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BY BRIDGET LEROY

o camp, or not to camp, that is the question.

If you or your children are not as fond of slings and arrows as you are of Shakespeare, here's some outrageously fortunate news for you.

Hamptons Shakespeare Festival is bringing back Camp Shakespeare August 9-13 and 16-20 (one and two-week sessions) at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Amagansett. This will mark the 22nd summer of the program and a returnto in-person activities after being held online last year.

Camp Shakespeare is a creative program for kids and teens, ages 8-15. Activitiesinvolve acting, theater games, improvisation, movement, and theatrical arts and crafts led by trained theater educators in an atmosphere of discovery and cooperation. Each weeklong session culminates in a performance for family and friends.

We asked David Brandenberg, the artistic director of the Hamptons Shakespeare Festival, a few camp questions.

How many kids can you accommodate?

We typically have 15-20 kids per

How do you feel getting back to it after 2020?

It's very exciting! We did an online program last summer, which worked and included kids from around the country, but it's quite different to focus on a screen. Being immersed in an environment where kids all around are involved in the same fun and creative project is energizing.

Do you do scene work?

Absolutely. The kids perform a shortened version of a Shakespeare play at the end of each week. Activities include scene work and making costumes, props, and scenery for the performance, as well as general activities like theater games and improvisation.

Tell me about some really gratifying experiences with some of the kids over the years. What are some of the fondest memories?

A few moments come to mind from the 20-plus years of Camp Shake-

The impromptu and touching farewell speech one longtime camper

Camp Shakespeare is a creative program for kids and teens, ages 8-15.

made about his friend who wouldn't be returning the following summer.

* Seeing several kids grow up over the years in Camp Shakespeare, as well as through volunteering and interning with the Festival.

* Running across former campers, now in college or in the "real world," involved in the arts or not, who mention how much Camp Shakespeare meant to them.

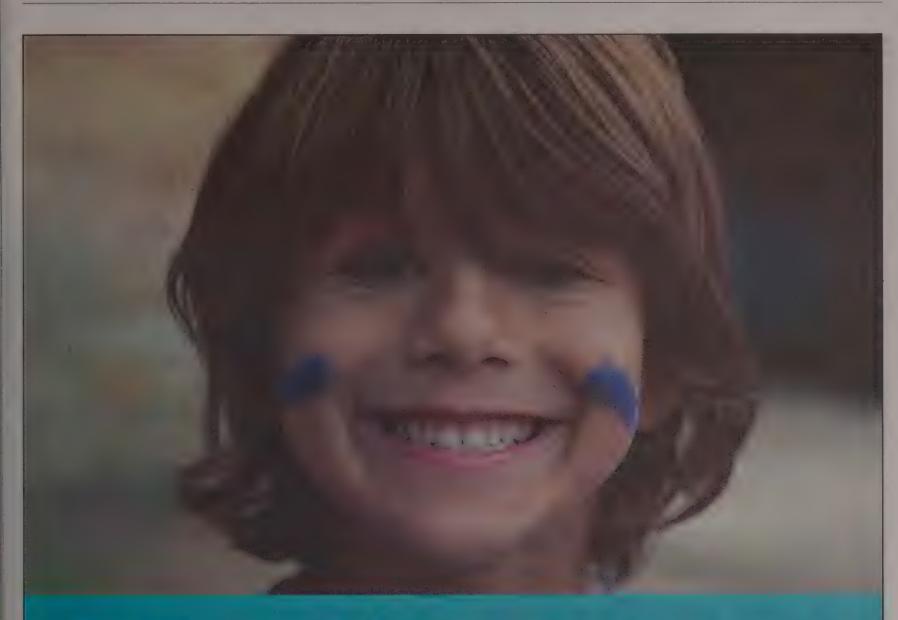
What do you see the relevance of this camp in the present and the future?

The camp is largely about sparking creativity in kids, and working and playing together toward a shared goal. That's especially important now when we've been apart for so long. But I think it's always essential to provide those experiences to kids.

What do you hope is the biggest take-away for your campers?

There are so many take-aways for the campers: transforming something they've imagined into reality, supporting each other, leadership skills, language skills, to name just a few. I think a key aspect, though, is exploring the stories and characters of the pays, and instilling confidence in them to tell their own stories, whatever those stories might be.

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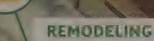
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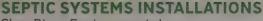
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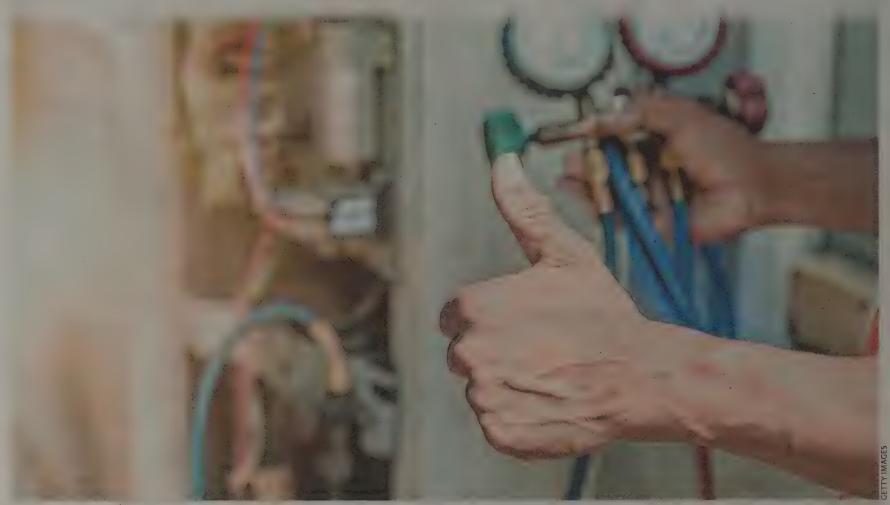
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We recently spoke to Phil Rush, the company's general manager, about the latest trends in the industry.

How did you get started in this line of work?

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What new trends are you seeing in the industry?

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What unique issues do you face operating on the East End?

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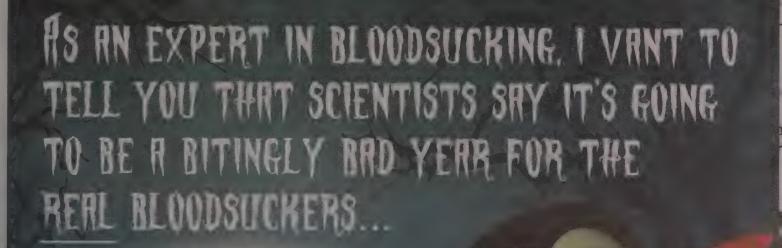
Do you have any sayings in your line of work?

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Homeowners may hear "interior designer" and immediately hear the sound of cash registers ringing in their heads. However, many interior designers offer various services, including hourly consultations, that can make them cost-effective, especially for homeowners who are still trying to define their style and decide just how they want their homes to look. That's just one of the many benefits of working with interior design professionals.

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Trial and error when designing a home's interior can be costly, even if you're not knocking down any walls or swinging any hammers. For example, after renovating on their own, homeowners may find they need to replace a new couch or dining table that they realize contradicts their design scheme. Interior designers can help homeowners avoid such costly mistakes and get it right the first time.

Interior designers can help you coordinate your style. Each and every component of a home's interior says something about its owner. Whether it's their choice of lighting fixtures, fur-



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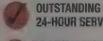
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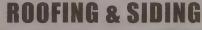
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HIGHPROFILE

NY Democratic Chairman Jay Jacobs

BY TODD SHAPIRO

J ay S. Jacobs is a force of nature in the Hamptons and across the State of New York. From Buffalo to Montauk, Jacobs is renowned as a business, political and thought leader, who takes an out-front role in moving the state forward.

Perhaps most notably, Jacobs is regarded as one of the most powerful influencers in New York State Democratic politics. He is currently the chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee. It's his second time helming the post after serving first under former Gov. David Patterson. Jacobs is the only chairman to hold the position of state Democratic chairman twice.

But there's another role Jacobs takes on with passion and vigor, and has for over three decades.

Jacobs is the CEO and major owner of the well-respected TLC Family of Camps & Inns, which includes three sleep-away camps, three day camps, a preschool and two country inns. Two of his camps, Hampton Country Day Camp and Southampton Camp & Club, are the premier day camps on Long Island's East End. His camps have helped tens of thousands of children develop life and social skills through a focus on developing children's selfesteem, self-confidence and resilience, and his innovative approach to camping has earned him critical acclaim. Jacobs has served as the president of the New York State Camp Directors Association, president of the American Camp Association's New York Section and served on the state's Camp Health and Safety Council. In many ways, his leadership and vision has revolutionized summer camps into what we know them to be today.

"I began as a camper in 1967 and never left Timber Lake," he says. "I became a camp counselor, and bought the camp during my last year of law school. I am passionate about summer camp because it provides an invaluable opportunity for children to learn social skills, build self-confidence and self-esteem. It's been my life's work to afford children the opportunity to develop life skills, and I am proud of the work that our team at the TLC Family of Camps & Inns has done for future generations."



JAY JACOBS

In the political ring, he has served as chairman of the Nassau County Democratic Committee for almost 20 years and under his leadership has propelled dozens of Democratic candidates to victory. Widely regarded as one of the state's brightest political minds, then-President Barack Obama appointed Jacobs as an at-large Democratic National Committee member. Jacobs chooses to serve in all his political capacities without compensation.

"For me, politics is about affecting positive change and make our state better and country better," he says. "I consider myself a moderate progressive and I believe that everything we do should be directed toward creating that more-perfect union our founders first envisioned. I believe that politics should be about finding common ground and disagreeing, when we must, without being disagreeable. Respect and appreciation are an important part of the political discourse

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that we don't see enough of these days. I am working hard to bring that back."

Jacobs has also been a history maker, helping to shatter glass ceilings and help the government better reflect the New Yorkers that they serve. As chairman, Jacobs has helped elect the first female county executive in Nassau County history, the first female district attorney in Nassau County's history, as well as electing the first ever Iranian-American and Indian-American to the New York State Senate. The diversity of the party and our government officials has progressed, due in large part to the strategic decision making of Jacobs. His efforts were instrumental in the Democratic Senate wins on Long Island which gave them the majority in the New York State Senate.

"In America, we elect our officials to lead, but it is our responsibility as Americans to vote and let our voices be heard," he says. "I believe that diversity is a critical component of this-electing leaders that reflect the diversity of thought, background, race, creed, etc., that is Americaand specifically the 'melting pot' that is New York. We support candidates that believe that new ideas, from people with different backgrounds, is what moves our society forward, which is why we are so proud to break down barriers with our candidates for office."

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Todd Shapiro is an award-winning publicist and associate publisher of Dan's Papers.



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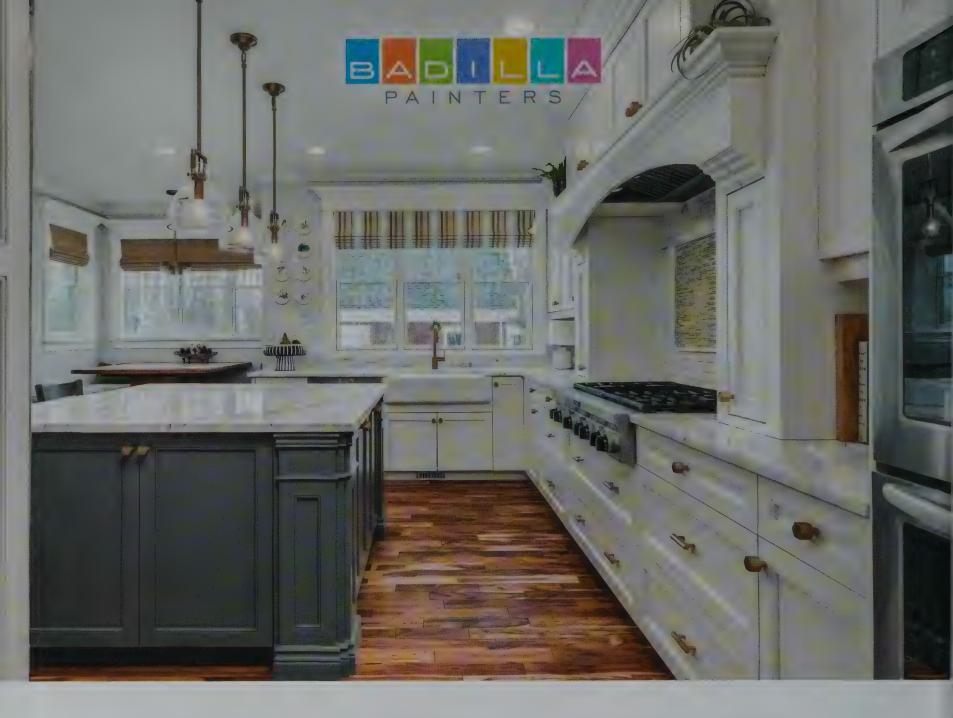
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